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# PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

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### SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

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by a school mistress; and to certify upon oath in said statement, that the same is true and correct according to their best knowledge and belief; and to transmit the said statement to the office of the Secretary of State, on or before the twentieth day of January in each year.

Distribution of Bank tax to be predicated upon such return.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the distribution of the Bank Tax, appropriated for the benefit of primary schools by an Act, entitled "An additional Act to provide for the education of Youth," passed March fourth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, among the several cities, towns and plantations in this State, shall be predicated upon the statements so made and returned, any thing in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Secretary of State to furnish blank returns.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to furnish blank forms of returns to the Selectmen of Towns and the Assessors of Plantations, agreeably to the provisions of the second Section of this Act, at such times and in such quantities as may be found necessary.

[*Approved by the Governor February 13, 1837.*]

### Chapter 257.

AN ACT to relieve the public from the burden of tolls at Back Cove Bridge.

City of Portland may receive and maintain Back Cove Bridge as a free bridge.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the City of Portland be and is hereby authorized and empowered to receive the bridge leading from Westbrook to Portland, called Back-Cove Bridge from the proprietors thereof, and to support and maintain the same forever hereafter, and to relieve said proprietors from all responsibil-

ity on account of the same. *Provided* that said bridge shall be and remain free from tolls, from and after the nineteenth day of March next.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said City of Portland shall forever hereafter be bound to support and maintain said bridge as a free bridge and shall have power and authority to do all things necessary and proper in maintaining the same.

Bound to maintain said bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of remunerating said city for the expenses of supporting and maintaining said bridge, said city shall have power and authority so to construct said bridge as to answer the purposes of a dam and basin, and shall have power and authority to erect and maintain or cause to be erected and maintained such mills, factories and machinery as shall be thought proper and expedient. And said city shall have a right to use and occupy so much land and flats as may be necessary for the above purposes and if any person shall be injured thereby he shall have the same remedy as is provided in the sixth Section of the Act to incorporate the city of Portland passed February twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

City may so alter said bridge as to answer the purposes of a Dam, and may erect factories.

May occupy flats.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said city shall build and ever after keep in repair a convenient and sufficient draw or passage way over the channel of said river, for the passing and repassing of vessels through said bridge and said draw shall be raised at all times without delay for vessels having occasion to pass and repass free of expense.

Must keep a sufficient draw for vessels to pass free of expense.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That said city be and hereby is authorized and empowered to assess and collect money from time to time for the purposes aforesaid, and to do all things necessary and proper respecting the same.

May assess a tax for the purposes aforesaid.

[Approved by the Governor February 16, 1837.]