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## Chapter 378.

AN ACT to incorporate the Somerset and Kennebec Bridge.

Approved March 29, 1837.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That Russell Blackwell, Bowdoin Conner, Thomas B. Totman, Robert M. Kimball, Daniel Wills, George Drew, Stephen Eaton, William Eaton, Timothy Drew, Sherman Pishon, Matthew Pratt, Reuben Pishon, Richard Wells, James Chaney, Milton Philbrook, Allen Emery, Jonas Burrill, Seth Goodwin, George Pettygrove, Perley Wheeler, Herod Burrill, William Burrill, William Bryant, John Conner, James P. Philbrook, John Totman, Naham Totman, George Burrill, with their associates and successors be and they hereby are created a corporation by the name of the Somerset and Kennebec Bridge Corporation, and by that name may sue and be sued, shall have power to have and use a common seal; to ordain establish and execute any by-laws and regulations for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of this State; to choose at any meeting a Clerk and any other officers for managing the business of said corporation by a vote of the majority of the members present, allowing one vote to each share; *Provided,* that no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That said bridge shall be erected across the Kennebec River at or within two miles of Pishon's Ferry in the towns of Fairfield and Clinton; shall be built of good and sufficient materials, and covered in a suitable manner twenty-four feet in width, with a substantial rail on each side for the security of travellers.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That a toll is hereby granted to said corporation at the following rates, to wit, for each foot passenger, two cents; person and horse, eight cents; horse with cart, wagon, sled or sleigh and one driver, ten cents; each team of two beasts, including

driver, cart or wagon, sled or sleigh, twelve cents ; and for each additional beast, two cents ; horse and chaise, chair or sulkey, fourteen cents ; pleasure carriages drawn by two horses, thirty cents each ; with two cents for each additional beast ; each person with wheel barrow or hand cart, three cents ; neat cattle, horses or mules exclusive of those ridden, or in teams, as aforesaid two cents ; sheep and swine six cents a dozen ; and only one person as a driver shall be allowed, to pass free of toll ; persons going to, or returning from, military duty, and persons attending funerals and persons going to, or returning from any place of public worship, on the sabbath, shall be allowed to pass the bridge free of toll.

Exemptions from toll, in certain cases.

Rates of toll to be exposed to view.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That at the place of collecting tolls, the corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, upon which shall be plainly and legibly painted the rates of toll aforesaid ; and whenever the toll gatherer is absent from the toll house the gates shall be left open and the bridge free of toll.

Bridge to be completed within 4 years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That if the said corporation shall neglect or refuse to build and complete said bridge within four years from and after the passing of this Act—then this Act shall be void.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That any two persons named in this Bill may call the first meeting of the corporation by giving such notice as they may think proper. And said corporation may take and hold such estate, real and personal as shall be necessary to carry said object into complete effect.