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SECT. 13. *Be it further enacted*, That if any owner, or owners of logs or other lumber, which may be sluiced, shall refuse or neglect to pay toll for the same ; said company may take and sell at public auction so many of said logs or so much of said other lumber as may be necessary to pay the toll and the charges thereon, by first giving reasonable and sufficient notice to such owner or owners, of the time and place of sale, and said company shall always have a lien upon any logs, or other lumber for all toll and charges which may be due thereon : or shall have right to sue for, and recover the same in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Corporation may sell lumber for toll in certain cases.

Chapter 388.

AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of Anson and Solon Bridge.

Approved March 29, 1837.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That David Bronson, Franklin Smith, William Weston, Joshua Snell, Dennis Moore, Elisha Coolidge, Theodore W. Smith, Sam'l Gage, Andsa McFader, Asa Vickerie, Cyrus Rogers, James Allbee, Thomas Dinsmore, William R. Flint their associates and successors be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Anson and Solon Bridge Proprietors and by that name may prosecute and defend suits at law ; may have and use a common seal ; may make any by-laws for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of the State ; and may choose a Clerk Treasurer and any other officers proper for the management of their corporate business by a majority of votes present allowing one vote to each share. *Provided*, that no individual shall be entitled to more than ten votes on all his shares.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be built over the Kennebec River between Solon and Embden between Thompson's Ferry and Ayer's Island shall be built of good materials and of suitable height from the water and of the width of twenty-five feet at least well covered with plank or timber and with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of travellers.

Location.

Construction of bridge.

Rates of toll.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be and hereby is granted for the benefit of said corporation according to the following rates to wit: for each team including cart, sled or sleigh drawn by two beasts twelve cents and five mills; if drawn by more than two beasts and not exceeding four seventeen cents; for every additional beast above four, two cents—for each foot passenger or person passing said bridge two cents—one person and horse six cents and one quarter of a cent—single horse cart, sled or sleigh eight cents—each wheel barrow hand cart and every other vehicle capable of carrying a light weight three cents—each single horse and chaise, chair or sulkey seventeen cents—each coach, chariot, phaeton and curricule thirty-seven cents and a half of a cent—neat cattle and horses exclusive of those rode on or in teams or in carriages two cents—sheep and swine for each dozen six cents and a quarter of a cent and at the same rate for a greater or less number—and the same toll shall be paid for all carriages passing said bridge whether the same be loaded or not—and to each team one man and no more shall be allowed as a driver to pass free from payment of toll—and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually travelling in the vehicles aforesaid; but this exemption shall not be extended to persons taken in for the purpose of evading toll—and said toll may be commuted by this corporation with any person town or corporation by taking of him or them a sum certain for any specified time instead thereof—And said toll shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers and shall continue for and during the term of twenty-five years from the said day, and be collected as shall be prescribed

Toll to continue 25 years.

by said corporation—*Provided* the said proprietors shall at all times keep the bridge in good repair—*And provided also* that at the place where the toll shall be collected there shall constantly be kept on a board or sign exposed to open view, the rates of toll in legible letters.

Rates of toll to be exposed to view.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation shall neglect or refuse for the space of three years from the passing this Act, to build and complete said bridge then this Act shall be void and of no effect.

Bridge to be built within 3 years.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all persons with their carriages and horses or on foot passing said bridge when actually going to or returning from any place for military duty—and all persons when passing said bridge on their way to or return from any place of public worship on the sabbath, and all persons passing to or from any funeral be and hereby are exempted from payment of toll required by this Act; and at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend to his duty at said bridge the gate or gates shall be left open and the bridge free from toll.

Exemption from toll, in certain cases.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the first meeting of this corporation may be called at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act by publishing notice thereof in the Somerset Journal seven days at least previous to the time of such meeting.

First meeting.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That after the term of ten years from the commencement of taking the toll hereby authorized the Legislature shall have power from time to time to regulate the tolls of said bridge as it may deem proper and right.

Legislature may alter the tolls after ten years.