

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE

AND

SPECIAL ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

JANUARY SESSION, 1838.

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pose aforesaid, the said corporation be and hereby is authorized to purchase, take by lease, hold, and dispose of real estate adjacent to said boom, or convenient thereto, not exceeding one thousand acres, with all such machinery, buildings and appurtenances as may be necessary or convenient for the management of their affairs.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the powers granted by this Act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, or any part thereof, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

Chapter 492.

AN ACT to establish the Augusta Free Bridge.

Approved March 23, 1838.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That John H. Hartwell, William A. Brooks, Issachar Snell, Luther Severance, Samuel Homans, George Cox, James Bridge, Robert A. Cony, Thomas Little, William K. Weston, Sewall Lancaster, Cyrus Briggs, John A. Pettengill, and James A. Thompson, their associates, and successors, be and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic and corporate, by the name of The Proprietors of the Augusta Free Bridge, for the purpose of erecting and continuing a Bridge across Kennebec River, in Augusta, between a line across said river, parallel with Kennebec Bridge and ten rods north thereof, and a similar line across said river, three hundred rods north of said Bridge, with all the powers, privileges and immunities incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain a bridge across Kennebec River, within the limits aforesaid, on condition that said corporation

Corporation to pay to the owner or owners of any estate upon which the same may be erected, all damage which the erection of said bridge may cause to such estate, beyond the benefit which said bridge may be to such estate, to be estimated and ascertained, in case of disagreement by the parties, by three disinterested men to be appointed by any Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court or Court of Common Pleas, and their award in writing, under oath to be conclusive.

Damages how estimated.

May purchase the Kennebec Bridge.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation is authorized to purchase and hold the Kennebec Bridge and its appurtenances, with all the rights, privileges and immunities thereof, for a sum to be mutually agreed upon by them and the Proprietors of said bridge, or at a value at which the same may be appraised by three disinterested persons, mutually agreed upon by the parties or appointed, at their request, by any Judge of the Supreme Judicial Court or Court of Common Pleas.

Bridge to be the property of the town of Augusta.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Bridge so purchased or erected by this corporation, shall forever after such purchase or erection, belong to and be the property of the town of Augusta, and be a free bridge, subject at all times to the control of said town.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act shall be void, unless said corporation shall, within five years from the passing of this Act, have purchased said Kennebec Bridge or erected a new one across said river.

Chapter 493.

AN ACT to provide in part for the payment of the Public Debt.

Approved March 23, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That in order to provide for the operation of a Resolve passed on