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for the County of Cumberland, and their decision shall be conclusive and binding upon the parties.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all penalties incurred by any breach of this act, shall be recovered by action of debt in any court competent to try the same, in the name of any member of said Committee; one third part thereof to the use of the plaintiff who shall sue for the same, and the other two thirds to the use of said town of Cape Elizabeth.

Penalties—how recovered and applied.

### Chapter 558.

AN ACT to incorporate the proprietors of the Great Works Bridge.

Approved March 23, 1839.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That Nathaniel Treat, Rufus Dwinel, Matthias P. Sawyer, Josiah S. Little, Elijah Webster and Charles Currier, with their associates and successors are constituted a body politic by the name of the Great Works Bridge Company, with power to erect a bridge over the Penobscot River, at any place between the piers at the head of the Great Works Falls so called and a place not more than forty rods below the foot of said Falls, from the town of Orono to the town of Bradley in the County of Penobscot. And said corporation shall have power to take and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to carry said object into effect, and shall have all powers usually granted or incident to similar corporations.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

May hold estate to any amount necessary.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said bridge shall be built of suitable materials and be kept in good repair and shall be at least twenty-four feet wide with suitable railings on each side for the safety of passengers; and said bridge shall be made of sufficient height and with sufficient spaces between the piers or posts thereof, to

Width and construction.

admit the convenient passage of rafts under and through the same.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That a toll be and hereby is granted for the sole benefit of said corporation according to the rates following viz—for each foot passenger one cent ; for each horse and rider five cents ; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by one beast ten cents ; for each chaise, chair or sulkey drawn by one horse twelve cents ; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, constructed for the conveyance of merchandize or other heavy articles drawn by two beasts twelve cents ; for each coach, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two beasts, twenty cents ; for each coach or other vehicle drawn by four horses twenty-five cents ; and for additional horses or oxen beyond two, on sleds, sleighs, carts or wagons, two cents each ; for droves of neat cattle or horses two cents a head ; for sheep, goats or swine six cents a dozen ; and for each ox team one person may pass free of toll as driver, and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of the vehicles aforesaid. And said tolls may be commuted by this corporation, with any person town or other corporation, by taking of him or them a certain sum for any specified time, instead thereof. And the said tolls shall commence on the day when the said bridge is first opened for passengers and continue until the net amount of tolls received, after deducting therefrom the sums necessary to keep the said Bridge in repair and to defray other necessary incidental expenses, shall repay the first cost of said Bridge and interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the completion of said Bridge. *Provided*, that all persons passing said Bridge on military duty, or actually going to or returning from the same ; and also all persons residing in either of said towns of Orono or Bradley when passing said Bridge on the Sabbath, on their way to or from public worship, shall be exempt from toll. *Provided however*, that after the term of ten years from the time of taking such toll, the rate of toll shall be subject to the further regulation of the State.

Rates of toll.

Tolls may be commuted.

Limitation of Charter.

Exempts.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected by said corporation, and constantly exposed to view, a board or sign upon which shall be printed the rates of toll aforesaid. And when the toll gatherer shall not be at the toll house of said Bridge the gate shall be left open and the Bridge free of toll.

Rates of toll to be printed and exposed to view.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That any three of the persons before named may call the first meeting of said proprietors by publishing a notification thereof in any newspaper printed in said County of Penobscot twenty days prior thereto; which meeting shall be holden at such convenient place as shall be expressed in said notification. And at the first or any future meeting said proprietors may elect a clerk and such other officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall hold their offices subject to the provisions of the by-laws. And at all meetings of the proprietors, each share shall be entitled to one vote, and absent members may vote by proxy.

First meeting—how called.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That if said corporation shall neglect to build said Bridge for the space of five years from the passing of this act, then this act shall be void.

Bridge to be erected within five years.

## Chapter 559.

AN ACT to incorporate the Athens Flour and Grist Mill Company.

Approved March 23, 1839.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That George Bixby, Gilman Hall, Charles Greene and Carlostin Jewett, their associates, successors and assigns be, and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Athens Flour and Grist Mill Company, for the purpose of grinding Wheat, Corn and all other kinds of grain. And

Corporators.

Corporate name.