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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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Chapter 20.

AN ACT to recharter the Belfast Upper Bridge Company.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the Belfast Upper Bridge Company, a body politic, created by an Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, entitled "an Act to incorporate the Belfast Upper Bridge Company," and approved the thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and twenty, shall continue to be such a body politic for the term of twenty years from and after the thirty-first day of January, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty—and during the same term, shall have all the rights and privileges which were granted by the aforesaid Act of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and be subject to all the restrictions therein contained and also to be entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the liabilities of like corporations in this State.

Charter continued 20 years from January, 1840.

Subject to same liabilities and restrictions as other corporations in this State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That during the aforesaid term of twenty years, the Belfast Upper Bridge Company shall be subject to this further restriction, that within a convenient time after the aforesaid thirty-first day of January eighteen hundred and forty, they shall cause to be made one pier of sufficient length on each side of the Bridge for the convenience of vessels passing the same—that such piers shall be thereafterwards maintained by said company while they receive toll for the use of said Bridge—and the owners of said Bridge shall put down and keep in a suitable place in the river between three and five hundred feet above the draw in said Bridge from the first day of April to the first day of December each year a suitable buoy for warps to be fastened where it will convene loaded vessels passing down to the pier at the draw of the Bridge. *Provided however,* that

To erect a pier on each side of the Bridge for the convenience of the passing of vessels.

To establish in a suitable place a buoy for the convenience of loaded vessels passing down.

Right of purchase for a free Bridge reserved.

Compensation may be determined by Co. Commissioners.

Certain act, authorizing a road over tide waters in Belfast, repealed on conditions.

Names of stockholders to be registered.

Private property of stockholders holden for debts, &c.

nothing in this Act shall debar the town of Belfast or any other town, or the public from making the same a free Bridge, on paying a fair compensation to the proprietors for their stock in the same—and if the amount of such compensation shall not be agreed upon between the parties, the same shall be determined by the County Commissioners of said County, who are hereby authorized to hear the parties, and to decide upon the same, having regard to the expense of rebuilding and maintaining said Bridge, and the interest thereof together with the dividends received, after the same shall be rebuilt.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if said company shall build, or cause to be built, said Bridge and piers, within one year from the first day of June next, then an Act entitled “an Act authorizing the County Commissioners for the County of Waldo, to lay out a road over tide waters in the town of Belfast,” approved March twelfth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, be and the same is hereby repealed—otherwise said Act shall remain in full force.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the said company shall cause the names of the stockholders to be registered in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Waldo with the amount of stock held by each, and no sale or transfer of said stock shall be valid until said sale or transfer shall be registered as aforesaid.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the private property of each individual stockholder shall be liable and holden for all debts contracted while a stockholder in said corporation in the same manner as is by law provided for debts contracted by them in their individual capacity.

[Approved February 24, 1840.]