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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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ERRATA:

**The following leaf is
inserted because one or more pages
in this chapter have errors
noticed and corrected here.**

ERRATA.

- Page 2, eleventh line from the bottom, for "Nathan" read *Nahum*.
3, third line from the bottom, after the word "matters" insert *and things*.
6, at the end of chap. 6, for "January 27," read *January 29*.
15, at the end of chap. 17, for "February 18," read *February 19*.
22, chap. 23, sec. 3, sixth line, for "vehicle" read *vehicle*.
29, third line from the top, for "votes" read *voters*.
29, seventh line from the top, omit the word "by" before "law."
29, sec. 8, tenth line, for "estate" read *estates*.
31, chap. 50, sec. 1, fifth line, omit the word "other" before "refuse."
33, chap. 33, sec. 1, eleventh line, for "mast" read *masts*.
33, second line from the bottom, for "chair-" read *chain*.
47, fourth line from the bottom, for "Northam" read *Northane*.
48, third line from the top, for "Videto" read *Viddeto*.
51, twelfth line from the bottom, between "that" and "all" insert the word *in*.
52, in the enacting clause of chap. 53, for "entaced" read *enacted*.
67, fifteenth line from the bottom, for "thousand" read *thousands*.
68, twenty-third line from the top, for "annully" read *annually*.
111, ninth line from the top, for "such" read *said*.
113, chap. 1, fifth line, omit the word "the" before "advice."
115, fifth line from the bottom, for "certificate" read *certificates*.
122, in the title of chap. 21, for "Jordon," read *Jordan*.
188, eighth line from the bottom, before the word "person" insert *other*.
206, in the title of chap. 77, for "relating" read *relative*.
207, chap. 79, second and third lines, between the words "of" and "State" insert the word *the*.
224, chap. 93, twelfth line, for "relation" read *reference*.

State; take and hold any estates real and personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed two thousand dollars, to be used exclusively for the promotion and improvement of agriculture, manufactures, and the mechanic arts; and sell, or lease the same at their discretion; and use and exercise all the powers which are enjoyed by other agricultural societies in this State, and may assess upon its respective members a yearly tax not exceeding three dollars each, and enforce the same by provisions to be made in the by-laws.

May hold estate to an annual income of \$2,000.

May assess a tax of \$3 per annum on each member.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any three of the persons above named may call the first meeting of the corporation, by publishing the time and place thereof, fourteen days previously in the Democratic Republican, a newspaper printed in Dover.

First meeting how called.

[Approved February 24, 1840.]

Chapter 23.

AN ACT authorizing the erection of a Bridge across the Kennebec River at Kendall's Mills in Fairfield.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Columbus Burrill, William H. Bodfish, John Philbrook, John Deering, Butler A. Emery, Joseph P. Blunt, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the proprietors of the Fairfield Bridge, 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 the votes present allowing one vote to each share:

Corporators.

Powers and duties.

Provided, no individual shall be entitled to more than ten votes on all his shares.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That said Location and construction, Bridge shall be built across the **Kennebec River** at **Kendall's Mills** in the town of **Fairfield** at some point between the South line of land owned by **Fairfield Land and Mills Association**, and the North line of land owned by **Ebenezer Davis**, and shall be built of good materials, and of suitable height from the water 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 travelers. *Provided* said proprietors shall first purchase the land on each side of the river where the **Bridge** shall cross, or otherwise obtain permission of the owners of said lands, for that purpose, by any arrangement which shall be satisfactory to the owners of said lands.

Proviso:

SEC. 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 foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse, six cents; single horse and cart, horse and sleigh, wagon or any such vehicle with one horse, twelve cents; each horse and chaise or sulkey, seventeen cents; each gig, drawn by one horse twelve cents; for each additional horse, six cents; each team including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh drawn by two oxen, sixteen cents; and for each additional beast two cents; four wheel carriages with two horses, twenty cents; and for every additional horse six cents; neat cattle and beasts of burden, exclusive of those rode upon, or in carriages or teams, two cents each; sheep and swine at the rate of six cents per dozen;—*Provided however*, that no toll shall be exacted by said proprietors of any persons enrolled in the **Militia**, for passing said **Bridge**, going to or returning from military duty, either for themselves, their baggage, or military apparatus, or of

Rates of toll.

Persons on military duty, or going or returning from meeting, exempt from toll:

any person going to, or returning from public worship on the Lord's day—and at all times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty at said Bridge the gates shall be left open, and the Bridge shall be toll free. And the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said Bridge for passengers and may be collected in such manner as may be prescribed by said corporation. And at the place where such tolls are collected, the rates of toll shall be fairly and legibly painted on a board or sign, and kept constantly exposed to the view of passengers.

Rates of toll to be exhibited on a sign.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if said corporation shall neglect or refuse for the space of three years from and after the passing of this Act, to build said Bridge then this Act shall be void.

Bridge to be built within 3 years.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the first meeting of this corporation may be called in the said town of Fairfield, by any two of the persons named in the first section of this Act by posting up notices of the time and place of such meeting in two or more public places in said town, seven days at least prior to said meeting.

Manner of calling the first meeting.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That said company shall not exercise or enjoy any of the privileges contained in this bill, except to organize said company, until a registry of the names of the stockholders with the amount of stock held by each, be made in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Somerset, and no transfer or sale of stock shall be valid until such sale or transfer has been registered as heretofore provided.

Stockholders' names to be registered.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That the private property of the stockholders shall be holden for all debts contracted by said company during the time he or they hold such stock.

Private property of stockholders holden for debts of corporation.

[Approved February 24, 1840.]