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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the expenses of said Commission shall be borne equally by said towns of Bath and Phipsburg. And the said Commissioners may have and maintain their several actions against either of said towns for their services and expenses in establishing said line, according to the provisions of this Act: and the town which shall pay the same, may have and maintain an action against the other, for its proportional share of the sum so paid. And this Act shall be in force from and after the first day of April next.

Expenses to be borne equally by each of said towns—how recovered.

[Approved March 7, 1840.]

Chapter 43.

AN ACT additional to "an Act to incorporate the Trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That the Trustees of Parsonsfield Seminary are hereby authorized to increase their number to twenty-one instead of the number specified in their Act of incorporation.

Number of Trustees may be increased to 20.

[Approved March 7, 1840.]

Chapter 44.

AN ACT to divide the town of Lisbon and to incorporate the town of Webster.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That all that part of the town of Lisbon, which lies north of Davis' south line, so called, with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is,

Boundary line.

hereby incorporated into a separate town by the name of Webster, with all the rights belonging to other towns in this State.

Corporate name.

Taxes due to be paid to the town of Lisbon.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the inhabitants of Webster shall be held to pay all taxes, which have been heretofore granted and assessed on them, as inhabitants of Lisbon; and the collectors of Lisbon shall have like power to collect the same, as if this Act had not been passed.

Corporate property until divided to be held in common.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all the corporate property, belonging to the town of Lisbon, until divided or otherwise legally disposed of, shall hereafter be held by them in common with the town of Webster, and in a proportion to be ascertained from, and according to the last valuation of polls and estates in the town of Lisbon.

Debts and liabilities to be paid equally by each town.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That for all debts now due from the town of Lisbon, and all claims of whatever nature, now existing against the said town of Lisbon, whenever the same shall have been paid or liquidated, the said town shall have a right to demand and receive of the town of Webster, a proportional part thereof to be ascertained in the manner mentioned in the preceding section; and the town of Lisbon may have therefor an action of debt against the said town of Webster, if such proportion shall remain unpaid for the term of three months after demand made therefor upon the Treasurer thereof; *Provided* that all future charges for the support of paupers, or other purposes, shall be borne by the said towns respectively in the manner already provided by law.

Future charges to be borne by said towns respectively.

State and County taxes to be paid as heretofore until separately assessed.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That until the town of Webster shall be separately assessed for State and County taxes, the said town shall be held to pay to the town of Lisbon, their just proportion of the same, as aforesaid, to be recovered in the manner provided in the preceding section.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the records and all books, papers or documents, now held by the town of Lisbon, shall remain with the officers thereof; and the inhabitants of Webster shall have access to them and the same use thereof, in other respects, as by law pertains to the inhabitants of Lisbon.

Records and books to be held by the town of Lisbon, subject to the use of the town of Webster.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid towns of Lisbon and Webster shall constitute a class for the election of a Representative with the same powers and privileges as other classes, until another apportionment of Representatives according to the Constitution.

To constitute but one representative class, until otherwise apportioned.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect immediately after its approval by the Governor.

[Approved March 7, 1840.]

Chapter 45.

AN ACT establishing a Fire Department in the town of Eastport.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That the Fire department of the town of Eastport shall hereafter consist of one Chief Engineer, and as many other Engineers, Fire Wards, Fire-men, Hose-men, Hook and Ladder-men, Axe and Sail-men as the Selectmen of said town from time to time, may nominate and appoint, not exceeding two hundred men.

Officers, how appointed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Engineers, or Fire Wards, to see that all the fire apparatus, belonging to said town, be constantly kept in good and complete order, and it shall be their duty to see that all Engines, Hose and Ladders, be cleaned and repaired as soon as may be after any fire.

Duty of Engineers and Fire Wards.