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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1845.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

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running northerly, on said Folsom's westerly line, to the south line of said town of Mount Vernon, shall be set off to, and become a part of, the town of Mount Vernon.

Inconsistent acts and provisions repealed.

SECT. 2. That all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

To take effect after approval.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 13, 1845.]

Chapter 199.

AN ACT to divide the towns of Prospect and Belfast and to incorporate the easterly part of Belfast and the westerly part of Prospect into a new town by the name of Searsport.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Description of the boundaries of territory incorporated into the town of Searsport.

SECT. 1. All that part of the town of Prospect, lying west of the eastern line of school district number two, extending from the shore of Penobscot bay, northerly, to the dividing line between lots numbered five and six, south of said dividing line, extending to the south east corner of lot numbered sixteen, and west of a line extending from said southeast corner of lot numbered sixteen, between said lot and lot numbered fifteen, northerly, to Half-Moon pond ; thence northerly, through said pond, to the line between the lot of James Field, junior, and the lot of Samuel Crockett and Samuel Batchelder ; thence by said line to the line of Frankfort. And all of that part of Belfast lying easterly of the western line of school district number twelve, and of the western lines of lots numbered two, eleven and twenty-three, in school district number eighteen, and lots numbered twenty-three, thirty-three and fifty-two, in the northern or border division of half lots, according to the plan of Alexander Clark and Robert Houston, are hereby set off from the towns of Prospect and Belfast, respectively, and incorporated into a town by the name of Searsport ; and the inhabitants thereof are hereby invested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subjected to the duties and liabilities, incident to the inhabitants of other towns in this state.

Powers, privileges, &c.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes which have been legally assessed upon them by said towns of Prospect and Belfast.

Holden to pay all taxes legally assessed.

SECT. 3. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport shall be holden to pay the debts due from the said towns of Prospect and Belfast, and entitled to receive the debts and taxes due to said

To pay all debts due from and to receive all taxes and debts due to that part of Belfast and Prospect

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towns, at the time this act shall take effect, in the proportion that the valuation of that part of Belfast, now included in said Searsport, bears to the valuation of said town of Belfast. And that the valuation of that part of Prospect, now included in said town of Searsport, bears to the valuation of said town of Prospect; and the valuations, herein mentioned, shall in each case be the last annual valuations of said towns.

incorporated into the new town.
How estimated.

SECT. 4. The inhabitants of said town of Searsport shall be holden to contribute towards the support of all persons now chargeable as paupers, in said towns of Belfast and Prospect, according to the proportion specified in the preceding section of this act; and all persons who may hereafter become chargeable as paupers, shall be considered as belonging to that town on whose territory they may have a legal settlement, and shall be supported by the same.

Provisions in regard to paupers.

SECT. 5. The several collectors of taxes, for the towns of Prospect and Belfast, are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and pay all taxes, to them already committed, agreeably to their several warrants, and also all taxes which have been legally assessed and which may be hereafter committed to said collectors.

Collectors of taxes in Prospect and Belfast to collect and pay all taxes now in their hands, agreeable to their several warrants.

SECT. 6. The said towns of Prospect and Belfast shall retain the entire public property now owned by said towns.

Public property, how disposed of.

SECT. 7. Upon application to the county commissioners, for the county of Waldo, made by the town of Searsport, or of Prospect, within one year from the time this act shall take effect, it shall be the duty of the said commissioners to appoint a committee of three discreet and disinterested persons, to determine and award what sum of money, if any, shall be paid by either of said towns, to the other, to equalize the expenses of supporting bridges; and the sum so awarded, shall be a gross amount in full discharge of all liability, for such expenses. The county commissioners shall require notice of such application to be given to the adverse party, and the award of the said committee, when returned, shall be recorded by the county commissioners. And said committee, or the major part of them, shall make their award, in writing, and furnish copies thereof, to the clerks of said towns, within three months from the time of their appointment, and shall also determine the time of payment, and which of said towns shall pay the expenses of said committee. And if the town, against which the award may be, shall not within sixty days after such sum, or any part thereof, shall become payable, pay the same, the town in whose favor such money may be awarded, may have an action of the case therefor in any court competent to try the same.

System to be pursued to equalize expenses of supporting bridges, &c.

Notice of application to be given to adverse party.

Copies of awards to be furnished to clerks of the several towns.

If town against whom the award shall be given, does not comply therewith—remedy.

SECT. 8. Said towns of Prospect and Searsport, shall constitute

Representative district.

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a district to elect one representative, to the legislature of this state, until otherwise provided by law.

To take effect
after approval.

SECT. 9. This act shall be in force and take effect, from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 13, 1845.]

Chapter 200.

AN ACT authorizing the city council, of the city of Portland, to raise and assess a tax on the inhabitants of said city.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Tax authorized
to be assessed on
the inhabitants
of the city of
Portland, for re-
connoissance of
route for rail road
from that city to
Montreal.

The city council, of the city of Portland, in the county of Cumberland, in this state, is hereby authorized and empowered to raise and assess, upon the polls and estates of the inhabitants of said Portland, any sum of money, not exceeding one thousand dollars, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a preliminary examination and reconnoissance of a route for a rail road, from said Portland towards Montreal, in Lower Canada, together with such other expenses, as have already accrued, or which may hereafter accrue, under the authority and direction of the mayor and aldermen of said city, in connection with the object of the ultimate establishment and construction of a rail road, from said Portland to Canada line, in the direction of said Montreal.

[Approved February 13, 1845.]

Chapter 201.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington Manufacturing Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Jacob Longfellow, William B. Smith, Daniel W. Dorman, E. L. Smith, Jeremiah O'Brien, Daniel Harwood and their associates and successors, are constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Washington Manufacturing Company, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities, provided in the laws of this state, concerning manufacturing corporations; and said corporation is authorized to purchase and hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in value, at any one time, fifty thousand dollars, and the same may improve,

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, &c.

To purchase and hold real and personal estate.