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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.

CHAP. 287.

Real and personal estate.
Value.
Powers, privileges, &c.

First meeting.

pose, to hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in value, at any one time, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and said corporation shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the duties and liabilities provided by the laws of this state concerning similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Either of the corporators, named in the first section, is authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation, for the purpose of organization, by posting up a written notice of the time and place thereof in some public place in the town of Hallowell, seven days at least, previous thereto.

[Approved April 7, 1845.]

Chapter 287.

AN ACT to incorporate the Oldtown and Milford Ferry Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. That George P. Sewall, Ira Wadleigh, E. D. Hoskins, Asa Smith, Noah Barker, James Stinson, Foster Wood and E. B. Pierce, their associates and successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Oldtown and Milford Ferry Company, with power by that name to sue and be sued; to have and use a common seal, and change the same at pleasure; to ordain, establish and put in execution any by-laws and regulations, for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state; and to exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations.

Corporate name.

By-laws.

Powers and privileges.

Ferry across Penobscot river.

Boats.

SECT. 2. That said corporation is authorized to establish, set up and maintain a ferry across the Penobscot river between Oldtown and Milford, above the mill-dam at Oldtown and Milford, in said towns; with a boat or boats, to be propelled by horse or steam power, sufficient for transporting passengers and travelers, with their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle; and with such other boats as may be useful, safe and convenient for passing said river.

Toll.

Rates.

SECT. 3. That a toll is established and granted for the use of said corporation, according to the rates following, viz: for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each cart, or wagon drawn by one beast, ten cents, and for each additional beast three cents; for each chaise, chair or sulky, drawn by one horse, twelve and a half cents, and for each additional horse three cents; for each cart or wagon used for the conveyance of

merchandize, drawn by two horses, twelve and a half cents, and for every additional horse or ox, three cents: for every coach, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, seventeen cents; for each coach or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, twenty-five cents; 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 the vehicles aforesaid, but this exemption shall not be extended to persons taken in for the purpose of evading toll, and said toll may be commuted by this corporation, with any person, town or corporation, by taking of him or them a sum certain for any specified time instead thereof.

Power to commute tolls.

SECT. 4. That said corporation shall keep at the ferry established as aforesaid, a good and sufficient boat or boats, in good repair, suitable and convenient for the accommodation of travelers, their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle, and cause ready and due attendance on passengers, to be given on all occasions, and for any neglect of such attendance, said corporation shall forfeit and pay five dollars, the penalty to be recovered by action of debt, in any court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of any person who shall sue therefor.

Good and sufficient boats to be constantly kept.

Penalty for neglect.

SECT. 5. That said corporation is authorized and empowered to build, erect and maintain piers and wharves or other conveniences, which shall be necessary for maintaining said ferry on the shores and landing places at such places as are now laid out for the use of the ferry over said river, and at such other places as the county commissioners for the county of Penobscot shall adjudge convenient and necessary; *provided*, said corporation shall pay the owner or owners of land, or privileges, so occupied and improved, such damage as the county commissioners aforesaid shall assess.

Piers, wharves, &c.

Damages, how adjudged.

SECT. 6. That if said corporation shall refuse or neglect, for the space of two years from the passage of this act, to set up and establish said ferry agreeably to the provisions of this act, then this grant shall be null and void.

To be built within two years.

SECT. 7. That Ira Wadleigh is authorized to determine the time and place of holding the first meeting of said corporation, by posting up notice thereof in the towns of Oldtown and Milford, ten days, at least, before said meeting.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 8. That the powers granted by this act may be enlarged, restrained or annulled, at the pleasure of the legislature.

[Approved April 7, 1845.]