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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1847.

CHAP. 64.

Chapter 64.

An act to set off a part of the town of Lowell and annex the same to the town of Burlington.

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

Description of territory set off.

All that part of lots numbered one, two, three and four in the town of Lowell, being part of the two mile strip north of the Bingham purchase, lying on the line between the towns of Lowell and Burlington and within the town of Lowell, in the county of Penobscot, is hereby set off from the town of Lowell and annexed to the town of Burlington in said county.

[Approved July 26, 1847.]

Chapter 65.

An act to incorporate the Proprietors of Westport Bridge.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Samuel Tarbox, Moses Jewett, Andrew Tarbox, Samuel Tarbox, junior, Joseph S. Heal, Robbins Heal, William Greenleaf, Hartley Dunton, Rufus Hodgdon, James Jewett, Thomas Shattuck, James Riggs, Ezra Tyler, William P. Lenox, Patrick Lenox, Joshua L. Linscott, John B. Glass, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby constituted and created a body corporate and politic by the name of the Proprietors of Westport Bridge and by that name may sue and be sued ; have a common seal ; hold and own real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars and dispose of the same ; ordain, establish and enforce any by-laws for the management of their concern not repugnant to the laws of this state ; choose all necessary officers for the management of their affairs, and have and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations.

Corporate name.
Powers, privileges and liabilities.

Authorized to erect and maintain a toll bridge.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain a toll bridge over the tide waters from some suitable place in Westport to Phipps' neck, so called, in Woolwich, and said bridge shall be built of good suitable materials, and not less than twenty feet wide, with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers.

How constructed.

SECT. 3. Said bridge shall be constructed with a good and sufficient draw at some suitable place which draw shall not be less than

twenty-four feet wide, with piers or wharves so that vessels may conveniently pass; and said corporation shall cause the said draw to be hoisted or opened at all times, from sunrise to sunset, for the accommodation of such vessels as may have occasion to pass through the same, free of expense and without any unnecessary delay. And said bridge shall be further constructed with a suitable passway for rafts of logs and timber, open boats and gondolas, to pass through, of at least seventy-five feet in width, with a row of piles extending from each side of said passageway on the southerly side of said bridge thirty feet and on such angle outwards as shall make said row of piles at the outer extremity one hundred and ten feet apart; and with a span or fender on each inner side of said rows of piles to rise and fall with the tide.

SECT. 4. A toll is hereby granted for the use of said corporation as follows, to wit: for each foot passenger, five cents; each horse and rider, twelve cents; each horse and wagon or sleigh, twenty cents; each chaise, carryall or other carriage drawn by one horse, twenty-five cents; each coach, chariot, sleigh, phaeton or other carriage of pleasure, drawn by two horses, thirty five cents; or if drawn by four horses fifty cents; each cart, wagon, sleigh or sled of burthen, drawn by one horse with one driver, twenty five cents; or if drawn by two horses, thirty five cents; neat cattle and horses not in harness, or teams, or rode upon, five cents each; sheep and swine, one cent each; and at all times when the toll-gatherer shall not attend to his duty at the said bridge, the gate shall be kept open. And said toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers. And said corporation shall at all times keep said bridge in good and passable repair and at the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected and constantly exposed to view a sign with the legal rates of toll fairly and legibly written thereon.

Toll granted.
Rates.

Sign to be erected and exposed to view with rates of toll thereon.

SECT. 5. Unless said bridge shall be erected and finished within three years, this grant shall be void.

Grant void unless finished within three years.

SECT. 6. Either of the persons named in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation by posting notifications thereof in two public places in Westport, seven days at least before the time of said meeting, which shall be held in said town of Westport.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 7. The county commissioners for the county of Lincoln, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay out a road from the easterly end of said bridge, in Westport, over Squam Creek Dike to the main town road, notwithstanding it may pass over tide waters,

Road from easterly end of said bridge, over Squam creek dike, authorized.

[Approved July 26, 1847.]