

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

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or refusal so to do, which penalty may be recovered by an action of debt, in the name and to the use of the person or persons sending or desiring to send any such despatch.

**CHAP. 170.**

SECT. 6. The company shall be bound on application of any officer of the United States, or of this state, acting in the event of any war, insurrection or resistance of public authority, or in the prevention or for the punishment of crime or the arrest of persons charged or suspected of crime, to give to communications of such officers immediate despatch; and if any officer, clerk or operator of said company shall refuse, or wittingly omit to transmit any such communication, or shall designedly alter or falsify the same, for any purpose whatever, he shall be subject to indictment therefor, and on conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or to be imprisoned in the county jail, not more than one year. But the company shall be entitled to receive for transmitting such communications the same compensation that shall be paid for transmitting private communications of similar length.

Despatches in the event of war, &c.

Liability for neglect, or designedly altering the same.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act contained shall exonerate said company from their liabilities at common law, for the payment of damages for any breach of contract on their part.

Damages for breach of contract.

SECT. 8. Any one of the persons named in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of the company, by giving notice thereof to each of his associates; and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

First meeting.

[Approved August 10, 1848.]

**Chapter 170.**

An act additional to "an act to incorporate the proprietors of Wiscasset Bridge."

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

The town of Newcastle shall construct and maintain a good and sufficient draw, in the bridge across Marsh river, so called, in said town, for the convenience of all vessels that may have occasion to pass through the same. Said draw shall not be less than twenty-six feet wide and of sufficient height for gondolas to pass under it at high water; and said town shall furnish good and sufficient posts or piers for hauling vessels through said draw, and shall cause said draw to be hoisted or

Town of Newcastle to construct a bridge across Marsh river.

width.

## CHAP. 171.

To be opened for  
the accommoda-  
tion of vessels.

opened at all times, Sundays excepted, free of expense, for the accommodation of all vessels having occasion to pass through the same.

[Approved August 10, 1848.]

### Chapter 171.

An act to change the names of certain persons.

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

Names of certain  
persons changed.

John Tyng Smith, of Portland, shall be allowed to take the name of Francis Albert Smith; Isaiah Hedge, of Limerick, shall be allowed to take the name of Isaiah Hallett Hedge; and said persons shall in future be respectively known and called by the names which they are respectively allowed to take as aforesaid, and the same shall be considered their only proper names.

[Approved August 10, 1848.]

### Chapter 172.

An act in addition to "an act to establish the Great Falls and South Berwick Branch Rail Road Company."

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

Location and di-  
rection of route.

The said Great Falls and South Berwick Branch Rail Road Company are hereby authorized to extend, locate, construct and complete their rail road to the line of the state of New Hampshire at such point in the towns of Berwick or South Berwick, as the directors of said corporation shall decide will be most for the interest of their stockholders, and most convenient to the public; and the said corporation are hereby further authorized to locate, extend, construct and complete their rail road through the towns of Eliot and Kittery, to the boundary line of the state of New Hampshire, near the Portsmouth bridge, if in the opinion of the directors of said corporation the interest of their stockholders and the public good will be promoted thereby.

[Approved August 10, 1848.]