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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1850.

Chapter 369.

CHAP. 369.

An act to incorporate the Franklin Manufacturing Company.

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

Levi M. Williams, Epaphrus Johnson, James Ridgeway, Elbridge G. Wyman, Lorella Sweet, John Kilgore, Albert G. Wheeler, George T. Soule, Ebenezer Morton and Hiram Dagget, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Franklin 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 authorized to purchase and hold real and personal estate not exceeding in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and the same may lease, sell, improve or convey as other proprietors of real and personal estate may lawfully do ; and said corporation are authorized to carry on at Farmington, in the county of Franklin, the manufacture of iron, steel, leather and wood and such other materials as may be necessarily or conveniently connected therewith, and may erect and construct such machinery, mills and other buildings as may be useful for that purpose.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, rights, privileges and liabilities.

Location.

[Approved August 20, 1850.]

Chapter 370.

An act to incorporate the Narrows Bridge Company at Bethel.

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

SECT. 1. Ira C. Kimball, Moses Mason, John Harris, Gilman Chapman, Elbridge Chapman and O'Neil W. Robinson, junior, with their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Narrows Bridge Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, have and use a common seal, and at any meeting choose all officers necessary to manage their business, and make by-laws for regulating their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this state, by a majority of the votes of the proprietors present, allowing one vote to each share, *provided* no person shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Rights, privileges, &c.

Location.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Androscoggin river at or near a place known as the Narrows, a place so

CHAP. 370.How construct-
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called in the Androscoggin river, in Bethel, near the mouth of Alder brook, in the county of Oxford, shall be constructed of good materials, of suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty feet wide, with suitable and sufficient covering and railing for the safety of passengers; and sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

Toll.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of said corporation, according to the rates following, to wit: for every foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, four cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by one beast, eight cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey drawn by one beast, ten cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; for each additional horse, or any other beast of burden beyond two in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons, two cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricule, twenty cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules or asses, two cents each; for sheep and swine, six cents a dozen; for elephants, one dollar each; and for all other animals or beasts of show, twenty-five cents each; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of said vehicles; but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll; persons going to or returning from military duty, and persons going to and returning from any place of public worship on the Sabbath, and persons going to and returning from funerals, shall be allowed to pass said bridge free of toll.

Rates of toll to
be exposed to
public view.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting tolls said corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, upon which shall be plainly and legibly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gate or gates shall be left open, and the bridge be toll free; and said toll shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers.

Gate to be left
open in absence
of the toll-gath-
erer.Toll, when to
commence.

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse for the space of four years from the passing of this act, to build and complete said bridge, then this act shall be void and of no effect.

Bridge to be
built within four
years.First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 6. Any two persons abovenamed may call the first meeting of the corporation, by posting up notice of the time, purpose and place thereof, in two public places in the town of Bethel, fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

[Approved August 20, 1850.]