

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1850.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1850.

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CHAP. 403.

bank shall be put in operation on or before May first, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and the other half within six months thereafter; and said bank shall be located in the city of Portland.

Powers,  
privileges, &c.

SECT. 3. The said corporators are hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all the rights and privileges conferred upon such corporations by the laws of this state, and subject to all the liabilities and restrictions thereof.

[Approved August 28, 1850.]

### Chapter 403.

An act to incorporate the Kennebec Telegraph Company.

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

Incorporators.

SECT. 1. John Hubbard, Renel Williams, William T. Johnson, William Caldwell, Robert H. Gardiner, Justin E. Smith and James Eddy, their associates and successors are hereby

Corporate name.

created a body corporate by the name of "The Kennebec Telegraph Company," for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and using lines of telegraph within this state, from the city of Bath to the city of Augusta and thence northerly to such distance as the said company may deem expedient, and connecting the same with any other line or lines of telegraph which have been or may hereafter be constructed, with all the rights, powers and privileges, and subject to the regulations and restrictions, pertaining to corporations under the general laws of this state.

Route of line,  
rights, powers,  
privileges, &c.

Capital stock.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of the said company shall be five thousand dollars, with power to increase the same to such an amount as the said company may judge necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; the said capital stock to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each, but not liable to be assessed beyond that sum, and the same may be invested in real or personal estate, as said company shall determine.

Stock, how di-  
vided and in-  
vested.

Location.

SECT. 3. The said company is hereby authorized and empowered to locate, establish and maintain its lines of telegraph, along and upon any public highway lying convenient for its purposes, as aforesaid; and to carry the same across any body of water over which said route may pass; and it is further authorized, upon permission first had and obtained of the pro-

Permission of  
proprietors of

prietors respectively, to locate and maintain its said lines of telegraph along and upon any railroad or private property, by the erection and maintenance of the necessary fixtures, including posts, piers and abutments for sustaining the wires and conductors of said lines; but the same shall not be so constructed as to incommode the public use of said roads or highways, or injuriously interrupt the navigation of said waters; nor shall the company have authority to construct any bridge across any waters of this state.

SECT. 4. The said company shall have authority to cut down or remove, or cut off the limbs of any trees, except ornamental, fruit, or shade trees, which may be within the limits of the highways and which would otherwise obstruct the erection or maintenance of said line. And any trees standing upon lands by the side of any road by which the said line shall be located, may also be cut down or removed, or their limbs cut off, if necessary for the safety of such line, and the owner of such land shall be entitled to compensation therefor, to be ascertained, if the parties do not agree, in the same manner as damages are ascertained for land taken for highways; and the company shall be held to pay the amount so ascertained.

SECT. 5. Any one of the persons named in section one, may call the first meeting of the said company, by a notice published three weeks successively previous to the said meeting, in the Bath Times and in the Augusta Age.

[Approved August 23, 1850.]

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private property to locate, &c., to be obtained.

May construct said line along public or private ways, across rivers, &c., providing it does not interfere with the proper use of the same.

Authorized to remove trees, &c.

Damages, how ascertained and determined.

First meeting, how called.

Chapter 404.

An act concerning elections in the city of Portland.

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

That whereas at the last municipal election in the city of Portland the legal voters of the several islands in that city, which for certain purposes are constituted a separate ward neglected to choose and qualify a warden and ward clerk, now therefore the said legal voters of said islands are hereby authorized to choose a warden and ward clerk for said islands on the next annual election day in September next, and said warden and ward clerk to be chosen as aforesaid, shall perform the

Authorized to choose a warden and clerk.

Duties and liabilities.