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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1852.

ERRATA:

**The following leaf is
inserted because one or more pages
in this chapter have errors
noticed and corrected here.**

NOTE.—The second session of the thirty-first legislature of Maine, convened on the seventh day of January, and adjourned on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1852.

STATE OF MAINE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, AUGUSTA, August 24, 1852.

I hereby certify, that the acts and resolves contained in this pamphlet have been compared with the originals deposited in this office, and appear to be correctly printed, with the exceptions mentioned in the *errata* hereunto annexed.

JOHN G. SAWYER, *Secretary of State.*

E R R A T A .

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS.

- Page 470, chap. 472, sec. 1, line 7, read "south" instead of north.
 " 478, chap. 478, sec. 1, line 4, after the word bequest read purchase.
 " 504, chap. 509, sec. 3, line 2, read respective instead of representative.
 " 572, chap. 571, sec. 1, line 2, after the word associates read successors.
 " 601, chap. 602, sec. 1, line 2, read "Piscataqua" instead of Piscataquis.
 " 615, chap. 681, sec. 1, line 1, read Dow instead of Dorr.
 " 654, chap. 645, sec. 1, line 16, read northeast instead of northwest.

RESOLVE.

- Page 422, chap. 453, line 7, between the word hundred and the word fifty-one read "fifty."

CHAP. 601.

May purchase
and hold
property.

Seal.

Powers and
privileges.

First meeting.

erty periled thereby; and to that end may purchase and hold any fire hooks, buckets, sacks and ladders, deemed necessary; and may also take and hold any other property to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars, may have and use a common seal; may by their corporate name prosecute and defend suits at law; make any by-laws for the convenient management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and generally may have and exercise the powers and privileges, usually incident to similar corporate bodies.

SECT. 2. The first meeting of said corporation may be called at such time and place as may be determined upon by a majority of the persons named in this act, giving reasonable notice thereof.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

Chapter 601.

An act to dissolve the bonds of matrimony between Ruby Henderson and Jonathan R. Henderson.

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

Bonds of
matrimony
dissolved.

SECT. 1. The bonds of matrimony between Ruby Henderson of Orland, in the county of Hancock, and Jonathan R. Henderson, formerly of said Orland, are hereby dissolved.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

Chapter 602.

An act to incorporate the Dover and Elliot Bridge Company.

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

Corporators.

Corporate
name.

SECT. 1. Stephen Jenkins, William Hammond, James Goodwin, Samuel Hanscom, junior, and James G. Jenkins, with their associates, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Proprietors of Dover and Elliot Bridge, with

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power, so far as the jurisdiction of this state extends, to erect a bridge over the Piscataquis river, from some place in the vicinity of Jenkins' point, in Elliot, to Varney's wharf in Dover, in New Hampshire; and to purchase and hold such estate, real and personal, as may be necessary to carry the aforesaid object into complete effect; and with power to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure; and with all other powers incident to similar corporations.

Location.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. The said proprietors may lawfully demand and receive at said bridge, a toll not exceeding the following rates, viz: for each foot passenger, one cent; for each person and horse, five cents; each wagon or pung, drawn by one horse, six cents; for each sleigh, drawn by one horse, eight cents; each chaise, gig or sulky, thirteen cents; each coach, phaeton, chariot or curricule, drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents; for each wagon, cart, sled or other carriage of burden, drawn by one beast, eight cents; and two cents for each additional beast in the same team; neat cattle or horses, exclusive of those rode on, or in teams, two cents each; sheep and swine, half a cent each; and with each carriage of burden, one person only as driver may pass free of toll. And the proprietors shall at all times keep at the place where the toll is collected, a sign or board with the rates of toll legibly written thereon and exposed to view, and shall cause the gates to be left open at all times when the toll gatherer shall not be in attendance.

Toll.

Sign with rates, &c.

SECT. 3. Said bridge shall be well built, of good materials, well railed and kept in good, safe and passable repair; and said proprietors shall keep a convenient draw or passage-way at least thirty-five feet wide, proper for the passing of vessels, and a suitable wharf or pier on each side of said bridge, and adjoining said draw, sufficient for vessels to lie at; and said draw shall be lifted without delay and without toll, for all vessels to pass said bridge; and said bridge shall be so constructed, that open boats, gondolas, and packets, with masts not exceeding in height those packets plying between Portsmouth and Dover now have, may pass under said bridge, in one place, exclusive of the draw, which passage-way shall be of sufficient height and width for such boats, packets and gondolas, to pass and repass with safety at all times of the tide; and there shall be constructed in said bridge two or more passage-ways of sufficient width for gondolas and boats, to pass and repass that have not masts in them; and two lamps shall be kept lighted

Bridge, how constructed.

Draw.

Wharf, &c.

Passing of vessels.

Height of bridge, &c.

Passage-ways for boats, &c.

CHAP. 603. over the passage-way for packets, during the night time, whenever said passage is not obstructed by ice.

First meeting. SECT. 4. Stephen Jenkins, William Hammond, James Goodwin, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the corporation aforesaid, by advertisement published two weeks successively in the Dover Gazette, setting forth the time, place and purposes of said meeting, at which meeting it shall be lawful for the members of said corporation to elect a clerk and any other officers necessary to the management of the affairs of said corporation; may determine the mode of calling future meetings and the manner of voting therein, and at the same time or at any subsequent meeting, shall have power to make any by-laws for their regulation, not repugnant to the laws of this state; *provided, however,* that unless the said bridge shall be completed within ten years from the passage of this act, the same shall be void.

By-laws.
Proviso.

[*Approved April 17, 1852.*]

Chapter 603.

An act amendatory of the act entitled "an act to incorporate the Eastport Mutual Marine Insurance Company."

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

SECT. 1. The twelfth section of said act is hereby amended by striking out after the words "premiums received on the capital stock of the company," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "policies which have expired during the year."

SECT. 2. The twentieth section of said act is hereby amended by striking out the words "subscribed or paid and secured," and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "subscribed and paid or secured."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[*Approved April 17, 1852.*]