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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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OF THE

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Chapter 37.

An act additional to an act to incorporate the Rockland Plank Road Company, approved April thirteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

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

SECT. 1. Said plank road company shall be authorized to build all or a portion of said road of macadamized granite, or other improved road materials.

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

[Approved March 5, 1853.]

Chapter 38.

An act to incorporate the Rockland Gas Light Company.

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

SECT. 1. Iddo Kimball, Knott Crockett, Jeremiah Berry, H. Corporators. C. Lowell, George Thomas, T. W. Hix, O. H. Perry, A. H. Kimball, John T. Berry, and Benjamin Lothrop, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Rockland Gas Light Company, and Corporate by that name shall have and enjoy all the necessary powers and privileges to effect the objects of their association, and shall be subject to such duties, liabilities and exemptions, as are or may Powers, be provided by the general laws of this state in the case of manufacturing corporations.

The capital stock of said company shall not be less Capital stock. than twenty thousand dollars, nor more than one hundred thousand, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars shares. The said capital stock shall be applied exclusively to the Capital stock, manufacture and distribution of gas for the purpose of lighting the town of Rockland; provided, that said company shall not Proviso. have power to erect, establish or continue any works for the manufacture of gas, at any place within the limits of said town of Rockland, without the previous assent of the selectmen of said town; and a special assignment of the boundaries of such establishment, and the erection, establishment or continuance, without such previous consent, shall be considered a nuisance, and said company shall be liable to indictment therefor, and to Liabilities. all the provisions of law applicable thereto. And nothing con-

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tained in this act shall be construed to effect or diminish the liabilities of said company for any injury to private property by depreciating the value thereof or otherwise, but said company shall be liable therefor in an action on the case.

Right to lay gaspipes, &c.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to lay gaspipes in any of the public streets or highways in said town of Rockland, the consent of the selectmen of said town having first therefor been obtained, and relay and repair the same, subject to such regulations as the health and safety of the citizens and the security of the public travel may require, and as may be prescribed by the authorities aforesaid.

Lighting streets, &c.

SECT. 4. The selectmen of said town of Rockland are hereby authorized to contract with said company for lighting the streets and public buildings of said town, and the moneys necessarily expended therefor shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as taxes for other purposes.

First meeting, how called. SECT. 5. The four persons first named in this act, or any two of them, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by notice published in any newspaper printed in the town of Rockland, fourteen days at least before the day of meeting, and at said meeting by-laws may be adopted, and all necessary officers chosen for managing the affairs of said corporation.

Selectmen of Rockland, power to regulate the doings of said corporation in certain cases. SECT. 6. The selectmen of said town of Rockland shall at all times have the power to regulate, restrict and control the acts and doings of said corporation, which may in any manner affect the health, safety or convenience of the inhabitants of said town.

SECT. 7. This act shall be taken and deemed to be a public act, and shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 5, 1853.]

Chapter 39.

An act to authorize the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northport to sell their meetinghouse and land.

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

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SECT. 1. That the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Northport, acting by a majority of the persons named in the deed of Nathaniel Knight and James Lancaster, dated November ninth, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-one, who may be