

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1853.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1853.

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**Chapter 47.**

An act to incorporate the Union River Plank Road Company.

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

- SECT. 1. Richard Tinker, Jesse Dutton, Seth Tisdale, John P. Langdon, S. B. Osgood, Enos Woodard, Thomas D. Jones, N. J. Miller, junior, J. R. Jordan, Levi B. Ulmer, Amory Otis, and William H. Black, with their associates, are hereby incorporated into a joint stock company, to be called the Union River Plank Road Company.
- SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars, to be paid in in cash, in such manner as the rules of said company may require.
- SECT. 3. Said company shall be authorized to lay out and construct a plank road in the town of Ellsworth, commencing at or near the bridge at the head of the Falls, and running thence to the wharves at tide waters.
- SECT. 4. Said company shall have power to enter upon, and occupy such lands as may be necessary for the construction of said road, making a just remuneration to the owners thereof for such land as shall be appropriated to such use, and to be ascertained and estimated in such manner as the damages are ascertained in cases where lands are taken by railroad companies; and every person whose property shall be taken by said company for the purpose aforesaid, shall have the same remedies to enforce the payment of damages as are now or shall be provided by the laws of this state for the enforcement of the payment of land damages, as in case of railroad damages in this state.
- SECT. 5. Said company may also make use of such portions of the public highways in said town as may be necessary, *provided*, that they do not erect toll gates upon any such highways or in any manner obstruct the free use thereof.
- SECT. 6. Said company may levy just rates of toll upon persons making use of their road according to such regulations as said company may adopt.
- SECT. 7. Any three persons named in the first section of this act, may call a meeting for the organization of said company, by publishing a notice thereof in two successive issues in the Ellsworth Herald.
- SECT. 8. In case said corporators herein named do not locate and build said plank road within three years from the passage of this act, then this act of incorporation shall be void.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Capital stock.

Authorized to construct road, &c.  
Location.

Authorized to occupy lands, &amp;c.

Remuneration for damages, and how determined.

Highways, may use, &c.  
Proviso.

Tolls.

First meeting.

Time for building, &amp;c., limited.

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Capital,  
amount  
required to be  
paid in before  
commencing  
road.

Proviso.

SECT. 9. And five thousand dollars of the capital stock of said company shall be subscribed for and paid in before the commencement of the same; *and it is further provided*, that no section or sections of said road shall be put under contract to be built, until three-quarters of the estimated cost of construction of said sections shall be subscribed by responsible persons.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 8, 1853.]

### Chapter 48.

An act to incorporate the Augusta Gas Light Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Harrison Baker, Stephen Scruton, George W. Sylvester, George W. Stanley, Darius Alden, John A. Pettingill, Wm. T. Johnson, George W. Morton, and George W. Ricker, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Augusta Gas Light Company, and are vested with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the restrictions and liabilities by law incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Corporate  
name.

Authorized to  
hold real and  
personal  
estate, &c.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is authorized to hold all such real and personal estate as may be necessary and proper to enable them to carry on the manufacture, distribution and sale of gas, for the purpose of lighting the streets, factories and all other buildings and works in the city of Augusta, and to construct such reservoirs, gas holders, gas pipes and other things, as may be requisite and proper for such purpose; *provided*, the whole amount of the capital stock of said company shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Reservoirs, &c.

Proviso.

Gaspipes.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to lay gas-pipes in any of the public streets or highways of said city of Augusta, the consent of the authorities of said city having first therefor been obtained, and to 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.

Certain  
companies  
may hold  
stock.

SECT. 4. The city of Augusta, or any manufacturing or machine company, having its place of business in said city of Augusta, may take and hold stock in said corporation not