

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

CHAP. 233.**Chapter 233.**

An act to repeal an act for the preservation of the fish called bass, in Dunston River in Scarborough, in the county of Cumberland.

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

Act of Feb. 25,
1800, repealed,

An act entitled "An act for the preservation of the fish called bass, in Dunston river in Scarborough, in the county of Cumberland," passed February the twenty-fifth, in the year eighteen hundred, is hereby repealed.

[Approved March 22, 1854.]

Chapter 234.

An act to make valid certain doings of the town of New Vineyard, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

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

Certain acts of
the town of New
Vineyard made
valid.

SECT. 1. The acts and doings of the town of New Vineyard, had at their annual meeting in March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, under a warrant calling said meeting, which said warrant was not signed by the selectmen of said New Vineyard, shall be adjudged legal and valid; and all officers elected or chosen at said meeting, and all acts and doings of said officers shall be deemed as legal as though said warrant had been signed by the selectmen of said town.

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

[Approved March 22, 1854.]

Chapter 235.

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Howland Bridge.

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

Proprietors.

SECT. 1. William R. Miller, Robert Treat, William S. Lee, George A. Pierce, William C. Hammatt, Elisha Ayer, Robert M. Fiske, Theodore Taylor, and Aaron Haynes, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Howland Bridge Corporation, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Penobscot

Corporate name.

river, above and near the mouth of the Piscataquis river. And said corporation shall have power to take and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to carry said object into effect; to prosecute and defend suits at law; to have and use a common seal; to make by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state; and to choose all necessary officers for the management of their affairs.

Powers, privileges, &c.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be constructed of suitable materials, of the width of twenty-six feet or more, well covered with plank or timber, and with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers, and with passage ways for rafts and logs of the width of fifty feet at least, and of suitable height from the water. And if said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of five years after the passage of this act, to build and complete said bridge, then this grant shall be void.

Bridge, construction of.

—time of building limited.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted for the benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates: for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each sled, sleigh, cart, or wagon, drawn by one beast, twelve cents; for each chaise, chair or sulkey, drawn by one horse, seventeen cents, and for each additional horse, three cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, used for the conveyance of merchandize, drawn by one pair of horses or oxen, seventeen cents,—for every additional horse or ox, three cents; for coach, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents; for each coach or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, thirty-seven cents; for droves of neat cattle or horses, two cents a head; for sheep, goats or swine, at the rate of six cents per dozen; and for each ox team one person may pass free of toll as a driver, and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in the vehicles aforesaid; but this exemption shall not be extended to persons taken in for the purpose of evading toll. And said tolls may be commuted by this corporation, with any person or corporation, by taking of him or them a sum certain for any specified time instead thereof. And said tolls shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers, reserving to the legislature the right to revise and change the rates of toll as aforesaid, at any time after twenty years from the time of its completion. And all persons passing said bridge, when actually going to or returning from any place of military parade or duty, and all persons when passing said bridge on their way to or returning from any place of public worship on the Sabbath, shall be exempt from toll.

Toll.

—may be commuted.

—when to commence.

—regulation of.

—certain persons exempt from.

CHAP. 236.

Sign board.

SECT. 4. At the place where the toll shall be collected, there shall be erected and constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, on which shall be legibly expressed the rates of toll aforesaid; and when the toll gatherer shall not be at the toll house of said bridge, the gate shall be left open and the bridge free of toll.

Gate to be left open in absence of toll gatherer.

Stock, how divided, &c.

SECT. 5. The stock of said corporation shall be divided in shares of fifty dollars each; each share shall be entitled to one vote; but no one person shall be entitled to more than twenty votes.

First meeting.

SECT. 6. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of said proprietors, by publishing a notice thereof in one of the papers printed in Bangor, fourteen days prior to said meeting.

[Approved March 22, 1854.]

Chapter 236.

An act to incorporate the Nequasset Lake Ice Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. John Patten, Oliver Moses, Freeman Clark, Edward K. Harding, James Drummond, proprietors of the Nequasset Lake Ice Company, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Nequasset Lake Ice Company, with all the privileges, immunities and franchises of similar corporations.

Corporate name.

By-laws.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may establish by-laws for the government of their proceedings, proper to exercise all the powers herein vested in it, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, in the same manner as manufacturing corporations may do; and the records of said corporation and certified copies thereof made by its proper officers shall be valid in law and received as legal evidence as those of towns are; and the clerk and treasurer shall be duly sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties.

Records, certified copies to be valid in law.

Clerk and treasurer.

Power to carry on ice trade, &c.

SECT. 3. The said corporation shall have power to carry on the ice trade, to purchase rights to take ice, to cut, get out, and house and secure ice, and market the same; to purchase, erect and hold such real estate and buildings, and maintain such roads or rail tracks, and own such other fixtures and property as may be useful in carrying on such purposes.