

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

SECT. 7. The said company shall be bound, on application of any officer of the United States or of this state, acting in the event of any war, insurrection or resistance of public authority, or in the prevention or for the punishment of crime, or the arrest of persons charged or suspected of crime, to give to communications of such officers immediate despatch; and if any officer, clerk or operator of said company, shall refuse, or wittingly omit to transmit any such communication, or shall designedly alter or falsify the same for any purpose whatever, he shall be subject to indictment therefor; and on conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year. But the company shall receive for transmitting such communications the same compensation that shall be paid for transmitting private communications of similar length.

CHAP. 260.

Certain communications to receive immediate despatch.

Penalty for neglect or violation.

Compensation for transmitting dispatches.

SECT. 8. Nothing in this act contained shall exonerate said company from the liability to which they may be subject at common law for the payment of damages for any breach of contract or duty on their part.

Company not exonerated from certain liabilities by the provisions of this act.

SECT. 9. Any one of the persons named in the first section of this act, may call the first meeting of the company, by giving notice thereof to each of his associates; and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

First meeting.

[Approved March 24, 1854.]

Chapter 260.

An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Sailors' Home, in Portland,

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

SECT. 1. Israel Richardson, Nathan Cummings, John M. Wood, Philip Greely, Saint John Smith, John B. Brown, William W. Thomas, Samuel Tyler, Joshua B. Osgood, William Chase, Byron Greenough and Eben Steel, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Trustees of the Sailors' Home in Portland; and by that name shall have power to take and hold real and personal estate, to an amount not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining, for the improvement and benefit of seamen, a sailors' home in

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Purpose of corporation.

CHAP. 261. Portland; and shall be authorized to receive, hold and manage all such gifts and grants as shall be made to them for that object.

Powers, &c.

SECT. 2. The said corporation shall have such powers, for the accomplishment of the purposes aforesaid, as are or may be granted by law to similar corporations, and may establish by-laws and regulations for the suitable and convenient management of their business.

When to take effect.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor; and any three of the persons aforesaid, may call the first meeting of said corporation, by giving notice thereof, in some public newspaper printed in Portland, three days before the time of such meeting.

[Approved March 24, 1854.]

Chapter 261.

An act to increase the capital stock of Calais Bank.

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

Capital stock increased \$25,000.

SECT. 1. The president, directors and company of the Calais Bank, at Calais, are hereby authorized to increase the capital stock of said bank, by adding thereto the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid into said bank, in gold or silver, on or before the first Monday of October next, and to be divided into shares of fifty dollars each; and loans may be made by said bank on said additional capital whenever the directors or a majority of them, with the cashier of said bank, shall have signed and verified by oath, and filed in the office of the secretary of state a certificate that said additional capital has actually been paid in.

Shares.

Loans, when made.

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

[Approved March 24, 1854.]