

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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AND 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. 296.

Capital.

Wharf,
construction of.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may purchase and hold real and personal estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

SECT. 3. The corporation shall have power to construct and maintain at their own expense, and on their land bordering on Georges river, in the town of Thomaston, a wharf or wharves of such capacity as they may deem suitable and expedient, said wharf or wharves not to extend over two hundred feet from highwater-mark.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 5, 1851.]

Chapter 296.

An act granting power to plant and protect oysters in the bed of Georges river, in Lincoln county.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Job Spear, Seth Sumner and David H. Sumner of Warren, in the county of Lincoln, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate

Corporate name.

by the name of the "Warren Oyster Company," for the purpose of planting, propagating and preserving oysters in the waters of Saint Georges river and tributary streams in said Warren.

Purposes of corporation.

Privilege, limits of, &c.

SECT. 2. Said company shall have the right to occupy the bed of said river at any point between the narrows, so called, in Thomaston, and the head of the tide in Warren, so far as may be necessary and convenient for the purposes mentioned in the preceding section; *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed as giving said company the right to obstruct the free navigation of said waters.

Proviso.

Penalty for willfully disturbing or destroying oysters.

SECT. 3. Any person who shall, without permission from said company, take or otherwise willfully destroy, disturb, or obstruct the growth of any oysters where the same may have been planted or propagated by said company within the aforesaid limits, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars for each and every such offense, to be recovered by an action of debt before any justice of the peace in the said county of Lincoln, in the name and for the benefit of any person who shall sue therefor, and said offender shall also be liable to said company in an action of trespass for the damage occasioned by such act.

How recovered.

Offender liable for trespass.

SECT. 4. Said company may authorize any of their members or any other persons to take said oysters at such times and places, and in such quantities, and under such regulations, as said company shall think proper and shall express in their permits.

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The taking of oysters regulated.

SECT. 5. All such parts of the sixty-first chapter of the revised statutes of this state as relate to the subject of oysters and their preservation, shall not be construed to apply to any of the waters within the limits named in the second section of this act.

Certain statutes not applicable.

SECT. 6. Any two persons named in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of said company, by causing a notice of the time and place thereof to be published in some newspaper printed at Thomaston or Rockland, in said county, and also to be posted up at the toll house of the Warren bridge, in Warren, at least seven days previous to said meeting.

First meeting.

SECT. 7. Said company are hereby required to commence planting and propagating oysters within two years from and after the passage of this act, otherwise it shall become inoperative. It shall not be necessary for said owners or occupants to mark and stake out the ground upon which said oysters shall have been laid or planted.

Act to be void under certain conditions.

Owners or occupants not obliged to stake out the ground occupied.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 5, 1854.]

Chapter 297.

An act to incorporate the Franklin Company.

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

SECT. 1. Benjamin E. Bates, A. H. Kelsey and George L. Ward, their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic by the name of the Franklin Company, for the purpose of manufacturing cotton and wool at Lewiston.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may hold real and personal estate to the amount of one million dollars in value, and shall have all the privileges and be subject to all the duties and liabilities of corporations as defined by the laws of this state.

Capital.

Powers, &c.

SECT. 3. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by any two of the corporators in such manner as they may think proper.

First meeting.

[Approved April 5, 1854.]