

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 330.**Chapter 330.**

An act to make valid the doings of the inhabitants of the town of Kirkland, in the county of Penobscot.

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

Certain constables authorized to amend returns.

Town clerk authorized to amend records.

Certain acts and records made valid.

Proviso.

SECT. 1. Any person who has acted in the official capacity of constable, prior to the passage of this act, in the town of Kirkland, in the county of Penobscot, is hereby authorized to amend his returns and doings in said capacity conformable to the facts relating to the same; and any person who has acted in the capacity of clerk of said town is also authorized to amend the records thereof conformable to the doings of said inhabitants in town meeting assembled, and conformable to the returns of said constables as amended; and the returns and doings of said constables and clerks, and the record amended in manner aforesaid, shall be as valid as if done and made at the time when by law and usage the same should have been done; and all acts and transactions authorized by law, which have been done and performed by the said inhabitants in town meeting assembled, shall be as valid and effectual as if all the preliminary forms and requirements of law relating thereto had been observed and complied with: *provided, however*, this act shall not apply to or affect any existing right of action, nor to any action or process now pending.

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

[Approved April 11, 1854.]

**Chapter 331.**

An act to incorporate the Bethel Boom Company.

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

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Authorized to maintain a boom.

SECT. 1. A. H. Gerrish, William Gerrish, junior, and George S. Hammond, and their associates, are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of the Bethel Boom Company, with the powers and duties of similar corporations, and with authority to hold estate real and personal sufficient for carrying out the powers herein granted.

SECT. 2. The company is authorized to maintain a boom in Bethel, extending from a pier to be erected in the northerly

part of the stream, which divides between Bond's island and Clark's island, upward diagonally across the north branch of the Androscoggin river; also a boom from their own land, at some convenient point within ten rods of the south line of the land now owned by the individual corporators, across to Bond's island: *provided* that there be left and kept open, in the waters of the river, an ample and convenient passage for lumber to float down the river without detention. Also, a boom from the head of Bond's island, diagonally upwards to the south shore of the river, to glide into the passage way between said islands all such lumber as is not intended for the company's boom.

Location.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. If any lumber, without the owner's consent, shall be permitted by the company to pass into their lower boom, it shall be their duty to turn out the same with the least practicable delay, not exceeding one hour; and for any omission in the performance of this duty, the company shall be liable to pay the party injured double damages. If, in relation to any land taken by the company for said purpose, they shall be unable to agree upon the price to be paid by them to the owners, the same may be ascertained as provided for damages by the location of public highways.

Lumber belonging to other persons not to be detained in said boom.

Liability for detention.

Damages for land, &c., taken, how determined.

SECT. 4. The corporation shall stop and boom all logs belonging to any person or persons who wish to have their logs stopped in said boom, on said owners giving notice to said corporation or to the clerk of said corporation that they wish their logs so stopped, for which said corporation shall be entitled to receive such compensation as the county commissioners of the county of Oxford may determine.

Authorized to boom logs upon notice from owners.

Compensation how determined.

[Approved April 11, 1854.]

### Chapter 332.

An act authorizing the city of Calais to regulate the duties of harbor master for said city.

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

SECT. 1. The city council of the city of Calais are hereby authorized to make such by-laws or ordinances as they may deem expedient for the location and regulation of vessels, rafts, boats and so forth in the harbor within said city, and to annex penalties for breach of the same, not exceeding ten dollars for

Regulation of vessels, &c.