

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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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 380.

CHAP. 380.

An act to make valid the doings of Muscle Ridges plantation in the county of Lincoln.

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

The acts and doings of Muscle Ridges plantation in the county of Lincoln, at their annual meeting held on the twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, are hereby declared legal and valid as though said meeting had been held in the month of March of said year, as provided by law. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

Certain acts
made valid.

[Approved April 19, 1854.]

Chapter 381.

An act to amend the charter of the Machiasport and East Machias Toll Bridge Company, approved March twenty-fourth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

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

SECT. 1. Amend the third section of said act, third line, by striking out the words "thirty five" and inserting the words "forty five."

Draw, width of
increased.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall be allowed ninety days from and after the approval of this act by the governor to widen and enlarge said draw to conform to the requirements herein made.

Time for
enlarging
prescribed.

[Approved April 19, 1854.]

Chapter 382.

An act to incorporate the Hope Company.

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

SECT. 1. John M. Wood, John M. Adams, C. C. Harmon, John Sparrow, James Mann, J. C. Nesmith, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Hope Company, for the purpose of purchasing and improving real estate, and removing incumbrances therefrom, and for the further purpose of accumulation of a fund to be distributed to

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Purpose of cor-
poration.

CHAP. 382. such of its members as shall hold shares upon which no advances have been made, when the funds of the corporation shall be sufficient to pay, over and above all debts and liabilities of the corporation, the sum of eight hundred dollars per share, or such less sum as may be fixed by its by-laws, to the several holders thereof, upon which no advance has been made.

Shares limited.

SECT. 2. The number of shares in this corporation shall not exceed fifteen hundred. The par value of said shares shall not exceed eight hundred dollars each, and no member shall hold more than twenty shares.

Corporation, when to terminate.

SECT. 3. This corporation shall terminate, except for the purpose of settling its affairs, whenever all its shares shall have been redeemed by advances thereon, or whenever the funds of the corporation shall be sufficient to pay, to the holder of each share unredeemed, the sum of eight hundred dollars, or such less sum as shall be fixed by its by-laws, as provided in the first section of this act.

Advances or loans, how made.

SECT. 4. This corporation shall advance or loan its funds to its members only upon real estate security, and no member shall receive any advance greater in amount than the value of the shares for which he may have subscribed (less the amount of premium he may have bid for said advance;) and the payment by members of entrance fees, premiums for advances, monthly dues, interest and fines, as fixed by the by-laws of this corporation, shall not be deemed a violation of any law against usury.

Certain provisions not to be deemed a violation of law against usury.

Power to contract debts prohibited.

SECT. 5. This corporation shall have no power to contract debts other than those arising from the ordinary expenses of its business.

Location.

SECT. 6. This corporation shall be located in the city of Portland, and shall, annually, in the month of January, publish in at least two newspapers in the city of Portland, a statement, verified by the oath of its treasurer, showing its actual financial condition, and shall also deposit a copy of the same in the office of the secretary of state.

Annual statement to be published, &c.

Penalty for fraud.

SECT. 7. Any person who shall wrongfully use, or dispose of any part of the funds or securities of this corporation, or be guilty of any fraud in the management of its affairs, shall be liable to the party injured, for all damages caused thereby, and also to indictment for a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

SECT. 8. The supreme judicial court shall have full jurisdiction in equity of all claims or disputes that may arise between this corporation and any of its members.

Claims or disputes, how adjusted.

SECT. 9. The legislature may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act.

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

[Approved April 19, 1854.]

Chapter 383.

An act to incorporate the Waterville Gas Light Company.

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

SECT. 1. Samuel P. Shaw, William H. Blair, Jones R. Elden, Stephen Stark, Henry Nourse, Charles K. Mathews, John L. Seavy, Joseph W. Freeman, William Crossman and Daniel Moore, their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the Waterville 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.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Powers, privileges, &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 town of Waterville, 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.

May hold real and personal estate.

May construct reservoirs, gas holders, &c.

Proviso, capital stock.

SECT. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to lay gas pipes in any of the public streets or highways of said town of Waterville, the consent of the authorities of the said town having first 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.

Right to lay gas pipes.

Authorized to relay and repair gas pipes, &c.

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

Certain corporations may become stockholders.