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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1855.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS ·

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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**Chapter 432.**

CHAP. 432.

An act to incorporate the Brooksville Bridge Company.

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

SECT. 1. Simeon Allen, William Limeburner, John Hawes, Eben P. Parker, George V. Mills, David Wasson, William Wasson, Kenny Grindle, Samuel Redman, John Wasson, Abner Gray, Thaddeus Shepardson and James W. Coombs, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Brooksville Bridge Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, choose all officers, and make all by-laws necessary for the proper management of their business.

Corporators.

Corporate name.

General powers.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to build a bridge over tide waters in Brooksville, at what is called "Davis' Narrows," and it shall be constructed of good materials, not less than twenty feet wide, and with sufficient railings for the safety of passengers; and in such a manner as to leave a passage way under it at least twenty-four feet wide, in the best channel, for the passage of boats and scows; and the covering in the clear over the same shall be six feet above ordinary high water mark; and said corporation shall, within a reasonable time after request, open a passage way at least twenty-four feet wide through said bridge for the passage down river of all vessels that may be built above said bridge.

Authorized to build a bridge.

—how to be constructed

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of said corporation according to the rates following, namely: for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, nine cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, drawn by one beast, fifteen cents; for each chaise, chair or sulky, drawn by one beast, twenty cents; and for each additional beast, five cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon used for the conveyance of merchandise, drawn by one pair of horses or oxen, twenty cents; and for each additional horse or ox, three cents; for each phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, thirty cents; for each coach or other vehicle, drawn by four horses, forty cents; for droves of neat cattle or horses, three cents a head; for sheep, goats or swine, one cent each; and for each ox team, one person may pass free of toll as a driver, and no additional charge shall be made for the persons actually traveling in the vehicles aforesaid, provided they are not taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll; but all persons going to and returning from any place of public worship, on the sabbath, or to and from funerals, shall be allowed to pass said bridge free of toll. The corporation may reduce, but shall not increase, the rates of toll herein estab-

Toll.

—certain persons exempt from.

—may reduce.

**CHAP. 433.** lished. *Provided, however,* that the county commissioners for the county of Hancock may, from time to time, make such alterations in the rates of said toll as may seem to them equitable and just between the public and the proprietors of said bridge.

Proviso.

Toll sign.

—to be free in absence of toll gatherer.

—when to commence.

Bridge, when to be completed.

First meeting.

**SECT. 4.** Said corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view at the place of collecting tolls, a board or sign on which shall be plainly and legibly printed the rates of toll aforesaid, and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent, the gates shall be left open and the bridge toll free; and said toll shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers.

**SECT. 5.** Said bridge shall be built and completed within five years from the passage of this act, or this act shall be void.

**SECT. 6.** Any two persons named in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of said corporation, by posting notices of the time, place and purposes thereof in two public places in the town of Brooksville, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said meeting.

**SECT. 7.** This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved February 19, 1855.]

### Chapter 433.

An act authorizing the erection of a wharf in tide waters, in the city of Augusta.

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

Authorized to erect a wharf.

Arno A. Bittues is hereby authorized at his own expense, to erect and maintain a wharf upon his own land, in the city of Augusta, bordering upon the Kennebec river, not exceeding one hundred and sixty-two feet in width, the northerly and easterly sides thereof to correspond with the north and east sides of Smith's wharf as now erected.

[Approved February 19, 1855.]

### Chapter 434.

An act to incorporate the pew-holders of the first congregational church in Searsport.

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

Corporators.

**SECT. 1.** Andrew Leach, Woodbury Nichols, Josiah Porter, William Butman, Phineas Pendleton, junior, Philip Gilkey, Joseph