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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS ·

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1855.

CHAP. 495. to take fish from said waters on any other day except Saturday of each week.

Violation, penalty for.

SECT. 2. If any person shall violate the provisions of the first section of this act, he shall forfeit and pay a fine, of not less than five nor more than ten dollars for each offense, said fine and costs to be recovered by complaint in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Fines, how applied.

SECT. 3. One-half of all fines recovered under this act shall go to the use of the town where the offenses shall be committed, the other half to the complainant.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 14, 1855.]

Chapter 495.

An act to authorize the "City District" in Belfast to raise money for the support of schools therein.

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

Authorized to raise money for support of schools.

SECT. 1. The school district in Belfast, called the city district, is hereby authorized at its annual meeting in each year, to raise such additional sum of money over and above the sum falling to the share of said district, from the annual appropriation for schools for said city and the bank tax, as may be adjudged by the majority of the voters present to be necessary and expedient for the establishment and support of the public schools in said district, and the same shall be certified to the assessors, assessed and collected as other school district taxes now are by law.

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

[Approved March 14, 1855.]

Chapter 496.

An act to incorporate the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Mark P. Smith, Asa Danforth, J. H. Merrill, Lee Mixer, Eben C. Shackley, James Crockett, Richard Evans, Benja-

min Tucker, junior, and John Tucker, with their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of the Norway Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and to possess all the powers and privileges incident to such companies.

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Corporate name.
Powers and
privileges.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may choose such officers, and establish such by-laws, as they may deem necessary, not inconsistent with the laws of this state; and in all matters decided in any general meeting of said corporation, each member shall have a right to as many votes as he has policies, and may vote by proxy.

Officers, by-laws,
&c.

SECT. 3. All persons who shall be insured in said company, and also their heirs, executors and administrators, continuing to be insured, shall be deemed and taken to be members of said company during the period of their continuing to be insured, and no longer; and shall at all times be bound by the provisions of this act and the by-laws of said company.

Membership.

SECT. 4. When the number of applicants, amounting to thirty, shall apply to the company for insurance, said corporation shall then be authorized to insure, for the term of one to six years, any dwelling house or other buildings, household furniture, in this state, to any amount not exceeding three-quarters of the value of the property insured.

Insurance, when
authorized.

SECT. 5. The funds of the corporation shall be invested in stocks, or loaned on such securities as the directors may order, and the funds shall be appropriated, first, to pay the expenses of the corporation, and next to pay the damage any member may be entitled to recover on his policy; and in case any member shall have a just claim against the corporation exceeding the amount of their then existing funds, the directors shall without delay assess such sums as may be necessary, on the members, which assessment shall be in proportion to the amount of their premium and deposit, for six years and no more.

Funds, how
invested and
appropriated.

SECT. 6. Whenever said company shall make insurance on any building, such building, the land under the same, and appurtenant thereto, shall be holden as security for such deposit money and assessments as the person thus insured shall be liable to pay, and the policy of insurance shall from the time it issues, create a lien on the said buildings and land therefor, which lien shall continue notwithstanding any transfer of the property; *provided*, it shall be expressed in the policy that insurance is made subject to the lien created by law.

Lien on property
insured.

Proviso.

SECT. 7. The first meeting may be called by any three of the persons named in this act, by posting up in two several public places in said Norway, notice of the time and place, at least ten days

First meeting,
how called.

CHAP. 497. before such meeting, at which time and place of said meeting, the members present shall elect not less than five nor more than nine

Directors.

directors, who shall hold their respective offices for one year, and also a president and secretary, who shall hold their offices each for one year, and thereafter said officers shall be elected annually.

President and secretary.

President, &c., duties of.

SECT. 8. Said president and directors shall superintend the concerns and management of all the funds and property of said company, and the said board shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur by death or otherwise.

By-laws.

SECT. 9. The members, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, may make such by-laws as may be deemed necessary, which by-laws shall be binding on each and every member of said company, if not repugnant to the provisions of this act, or any of the general laws of this state, relating to such companies.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the Governor.

[Approved March 14, 1855.]

Chapter 497.

An act to incorporate the Waterville Library Association.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Joseph Percival, James T. Champlin, Josiah H. Drummond, Edward G. Hoag, N. Milton Wood, Jones R. Elden, Thomas W. Herrick, William Dyer, Ephraim Maxham, Stephen Stark and E. L. Getchell, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate, by

Corporate name.

the name of Waterville Library Association, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall have and enjoy all proper remedies at law and equity, to protect and secure them in the exercise of the rights and privileges herein granted.

Powers and privileges.

May hold real and personal estate.

SECT. 2. Said corporation shall have power to hold and possess property, real and personal, and take the same by purchase, devise, gift or otherwise, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, in addition to their library, cabinet, and a lot of land with the buildings thereon, to be occupied exclusively for the ordinary purposes of said corporation.

May raise money by assessment for certain purposes.

SECT. 3. Said corporation may raise money by assessment per capita, upon the members thereof, at any regular meeting thereof, for the purposes of purchasing a library and cabinet, or either of