

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1856.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1856.

## Chapter 645.

An act to incorporate the Bridge Company of Canton Point.

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

SECT. 1. Francis O. J. Smith, his associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, under the name of the Bridge Company of Canton Point, with the usual powers belonging to such corporations by the general laws of the state, and may hold real and personal estate, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars.

Corporators.

Corporate name.  
May hold real estate, &c.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby empowered to erect and maintain a toll bridge across the Androscoggin river, at Canton Point, in the town of Canton, on or near the site formerly occupied by the Canton Point Bridge Company; said bridge shall be constructed of good materials, of suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty-four feet wide, with sufficient railing on each side for the safety of passengers, and with sufficient passage ways for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

Authorized to erect a toll bridge.  
Location.

How constructed.

SECT. 3. A toll for the use and benefit of said corporation is hereby granted and established, at the following rates, viz: for each foot passenger, two cents; one person and horse, six cents; single horse cart, sled or sleigh, ten cents; each team, including cart, wagon, sled or sleigh, drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; and for every additional beast above two, two cents; each single horse and chaise, chair or sulky, sixteen cents; each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, thirty-five cents; and for every additional beast, two cents; neat cattle, horses or mules, exclusive of those ridden or in carriages, two cents each; sheep and swine, half a cent each; and to each team one person only shall be allowed as a driver, to pass free of toll; and all persons who shall actually be on military duty, shall be permitted with their baggage, to pass said bridge free of toll; and at all times, when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty at said bridge, the gate or gates shall be left open; and the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers; and said company shall at all times keep at the place where the toll is collected, exposed to view, a sign with the rates of toll legibly printed thereon.

Toll granted.  
—rates of.

Persons on military duty to pass free.

Toll, when to commence.

Sign containing rates of toll to be kept in view.

SECT. 4. Said corporation may purchase and hold so much real estate upon each bank of the Androscoggin river, at the point selected for the construction of their bridge, as may be

May hold sufficient real estate to locate bridge.

## CHAP. 646.

Meeting to be notified.

necessary for its location, construction and convenience. And the said Smith is empowered to notify a meeting of his associates, who shall subscribe capital for the construction of said bridge, to be helden at some convenient time and place in the town of Canton, by posting up notices thereof, in some public places in said town, seven days at least prior to said meeting.

Time for completion of bridge, limited.

SECT. 5. Said bridge shall be erected and completed within three years from the time of the passage of this act, otherwise this act shall be void.

SECT. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 1, 1856.]

## Chapter 646.

An act to incorporate the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Eliza S. Patten, Hepsie D. Carney, Amanda Colby, Arabella Lawson, Elizabeth Chesley, D. Morean, Anganett Blanchard, E. W. Blanchard, Lucy A. Hatch, Z. C. Theobald, M. L. Harward, Sarah Talpey, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Richmond Congregational Ladies' Sewing Society, for the purpose of purchasing, owning and managing real estate in Richmond, in the county of Sagadahoc, to be used as a meeting house, and for other purposes, with power under such corporate name to sue and be sued, defend suits at law, make contracts, to have and use a common seal, to purchase and own and manage real estate and personal property, and the same to sell and convey and dispose of, to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars; to make by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of this state, for the convenient management of their corporate affairs, and to have and enjoy all the rights, powers and privileges necessary to carry into effect the objects of the said corporation.

Corporate name.

Purposes.

Rights, powers and privileges.

By-laws.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 2. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by written notices of the time and place and purposes of the meeting, signed by any three of said corporators, and posted in two public places at said Richmond at least seven days before the time of meeting.