

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.

CHAP. 653.

Leonard D. Shepley, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Richardson Wharf Company, with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, and to make all rules and by-laws, necessary for the convenient management and regulation of their real and personal estate, and of their common concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to have and enjoy all the powers and privileges of similar corporate bodies in this state.

Corporate name.

By-laws, &c.

Powers,
privileges, &c.

SECT. 2. The said corporation may purchase and hold real and personal estate, to an amount, not exceeding at any one time the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with full power to manage and dispose of the same.

May purchase
and hold real
and personal
estate.
Amount.

SECT. 3. The said corporation may purchase and hold the real estate, wharf and flats, situate in Portland, on the southerly side of Fore street, and between Brown's wharf and Merrill's wharf, and are hereby authorized, at their own expense, to enlarge the wharf, now on said premises, and extend the same into the harbor of Portland, below low water mark, to such distance as said corporation may think expedient, not however below the line designated by the commissioners' report on Portland harbor, and not to interfere with any wharf now existing, and not to acquire by force of this charter, as against proprietors of adjacent flats on either side, any greater or other rights than now appertain to the proprietors of the land and flats aforementioned.

May hold wharf,
flats, &c.May enlarge and
extend wharf a
certain distance.

Restrictions.

SECT. 4. Any two of the persons named in this act, may call the first meeting of said corporation, at such time and place as they may see fit, by giving notice of the same, for one week, in some newspaper printed in Portland, for the purpose of organizing said corporation.

First meeting,
how called.

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

[Approved April 2, 1856.]

Chapter 653.

An act to incorporate the Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association.

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

SECT. 1. Joseph S. Wheelwright, John E. Godfrey, Michael Schwartz, Edmund H. Fogg, Timothy H. Morse, Ebenezer Pool,

Corporators.

CHAP. 653.

Corporate name. John S. Kimball, W. G. Morse, Joseph Milliken and William Stacy, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of Penobscot Mutual Loan Fund Association, for purchasing and improving real estate, and removing incumbrances therefrom, and for the further purpose of the

Objects of corporation. accumulation of a fund to be distributed to 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, number of.
Par value.** **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.** The 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.

Funds, how loaned. **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.

Payment of entrance fees, &c., not deemed a violation of any law against usury.

Shall not contract debts. **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 Bangor, and shall annually, in the month of January, publish in at least two newspapers in the city of Bangor, 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.

Frauds, penalty for. **SECT. 7.** Any person who shall wrongfully use, or dispose of any 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 or any of its members.

S. J. court,
jurisdiction
of, &c.

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

Under control
of legislature.

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

[Approved April 3, 1856.]

Chapter 654.

An act to preserve the harbor of Portland.

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

SECT. 1. The harbor of Portland is bounded north-westerly by a line commencing at the eastern corner of the gas company's wharf, next above the Portland bridge, and extending straight to the southern corner of the end of Robinson's wharf, and along the end of it to the eastern corner; thence straight to the southern corner of the end of Central wharf, and along the end of it to the eastern corner; thence straight to the southern corner of the end of Custom House wharf, and along the end of it to the eastern corner; thence straight to the southern corner of the end of Railway wharf, and along the end of it to the eastern corner; thence to the southern corner of the end of St. Lawrence wharf, and along the end of it to the eastern corner; thence parallel to the straight portion of the outside railroad track, to the shoals to the southward of fish point, as defined on a plan of Portland harbor, made by the United States coast survey, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

The boundaries
of the harbor of
Portland
defined.

SECT. 2. It is bounded southeasterly by a line commencing at the end of the breakwater as it now is, and extending south-westerly to the easterly corner of the end of the Ferry wharf; thence along the end of it to its westerly corner; thence in a straight line to Portland bridge, at a point eight hundred and

Same subject.