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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1857.

Chapter 39.

An act to incorporate the Biddeford Steam Mill Company.

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

SECT. 1. That Charles C. Sawyer, John Quinby, Thomas Quinby, William Perkins, George H. Adams, their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are, constituted and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Biddeford Steam Mill Company, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties and liabilities, provided in the several laws of this state regulating manufacturing corporations; and are authorized to purchase and hold real and personal estate, not exceeding in value at any one time the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and the same may improve, lease, sell and convey, as other proprietors and owners of real estate may lawfully do.

Corporators.

Corporate name.
Powers, privileges, &c.
May hold real and personal estate not exceeding in value \$50,000.

SECT. 2. Said company are authorized to carry on in the city of Biddeford, the manufacture of lumber, iron, and other metals, paper, and also to do the various kinds of grinding usually done in a grist mill; and may erect and construct, upon their own lands, the necessary works, mills, and machinery, for that purpose; *provided*, that said works are so constructed as not to affect the rights of other individuals or corporations in said city of Biddeford.

Authorized to manufacture lumber, &c.

Proviso.

SECT. 3. Any one of the above named corporators may call the first meeting of the same, by giving each of the others notice in writing at least seven days before such meeting.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 21, 1857.]

Chapter 40.

An act to incorporate the Southport Bridge Company.

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

SECT. 1. Cyrus McKown, Thomas Marr, junior, James Orne and William Pierce, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby created a corporation by the name of the Southport Bridge Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, have and use a common seal, and at any meeting choose all officers necessary to manage their business, and make by-laws for regulating their affairs,

Corporators.

Corporate name.
Powers, privileges, &c.

CHAP. 40.

Location of
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gatherer.Neglect to build
for four years,
act to be void.First meeting,
how called.

not repugnant to the laws of the state, by a majority of the votes of the proprietors present, allowing one vote to each share.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across tide waters at Southport, from a certain point of land in said Southport, formerly owned by John McKown, to Oak Point, so called, in Boothbay; shall be constructed of good materials, of suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient flooring and railing, for the safety of passengers, and sufficient passage way shall be left for the passage of boats, and said bridge shall have a suitable and proper draw to allow of the passage of all vessels.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of said corporation, according to the rates following, to wit: for every foot passenger, three cents; for each horse and rider, six cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon, drawn by one beast, fifteen cents; for each chaise, chair or sulky, drawn by one beast, seventeen cents; for each additional horse, or other beast of burden, in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons, two cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules or asses, two cents each; for sheep and swine, one-half of one cent each; and for all animals, or beasts of show, twenty-five cents each; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of said vehicles; but this exception shall not extend to any person taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll, and only one person to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll; but all persons going to or returning from any place of public worship on the Sabbath, shall be allowed to pass said bridge free of toll.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting toll, said corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view, a board or sign, with the rates of toll aforesaid legibly inscribed thereon, and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll-house, the gate shall be left open and the bridge be toll free; and said toll shall commence on the day when said bridge is first opened for passengers.

SECT. 5. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse, for the space of four years from the passage of this act, to build and complete said bridge, then this act shall be void and of no effect.

SECT. 6. Any two persons mentioned in the first section of this act may call the first meeting of the corporation, by posting up notice of the time and place and purposes thereof, in two public places in each of the towns of Southport and Boothbay, fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

[Approved March 21, 1857.]