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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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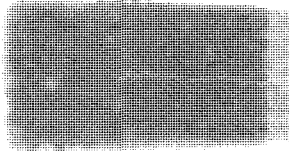
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CHAP. 303.

— proceeds,
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to sell and convey said house and land; and the proceeds of the same to be appropriated for the benefit of all concerned in said house and lot.

[Approved March 19, 1859.]

Chapter 303.

An act to incorporate the Androscoggin Bridge Company.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. Moses Mason, Moses Patte, Ira C. Kimball, Samuel F. Gibson, Robert A. Chapman and Ebenezer Eames, with their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Androscoggin Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Androscoggin river in Bethel; and said corporation shall have power to purchase and hold such personal and real estate as may be necessary to carry said object into effect, to prosecute and defend suits at law, to have and use a common seal, to make by-laws for the management of their concerns not repugnant to the laws of the state, to have and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to, or usually granted to similar corporations.

Corporate name.

May hold real and personal estate.

By-laws.

Powers, privileges, &c.

Location.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Androscoggin river in Bethel, in the county of Oxford, at a place known as Barker's ferry, at a point where the county road is located leading from Bethel Hill to Newry; shall be constructed of good materials, of a suitable height from the water, and not less than twenty-four feet wide, with suitable and sufficient covering, and railings for the safety of passengers; and sufficient passage ways shall be left for the passage of boats, rafts, logs and timber.

— how constructed.

Toll.

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, two cents; for each horse and rider, five cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by one beast, eight cents; for each chaise, chair or sulky drawn by one beast, ten cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart or wagon drawn by two beasts, twelve cents; for each additional horse or beast beyond two, in sleighs, sleds, carts or wagons, two cents; for each coach, chariot, phaeton or curricule, twenty cents; for droves of neat cattle, horses, mules or asses, two cents each; for sheep and swine, six cents a dozen; and no additional toll shall be charged for persons actually traveling in any of said

vehicles; but this exception shall not extend to persons taken in for the purpose of avoiding toll; and only one person as a driver to each team shall be allowed to pass free of toll; and said tolls may be commuted by this corporation with any person or corporation, by taking of him or them a sum certain for a specified time instead thereof; persons going or returning from military duty, persons going to or returning from any place of public worship on the Sabbath, and persons going to or returning from funerals, shall be allowed to pass free of toll.

Certain persons exempt from toll.

SECT. 4. At the place of collecting tolls, said corporation shall keep constantly exposed to view a board or sign upon which shall be plainly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll-gatherer shall be absent from the toll-house, 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.

Sign.

Toll to be free in absence of toll gatherer.

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

Time to build limited.

SECT. 6. Any two persons named above, may call the first meeting of the corporation, by posting up notice of the time, purpose and place of meeting, in two public places in the town of Bethel fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

First meeting, how called.

[Approved March 22, 1859.]

Chapter 304.

An act in relation to weirs below low water mark in Soward's bay in Lubec, Washington county.

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

SECT. 1. Samuel A. Lawrence, James M. Bangs, John G. W. Avery and Enoch S. Fowler of Lubec, in the county of Washington, shall have the privilege of erecting and maintaining fish weirs below low water mark in front of their respective lots; *provided always*, that such weirs shall be erected within the bounds which shall be defined by the extension of the side lines of the aforesaid proprietors in the same course as they cross Soward's neck, so called, and that no weirs shall be built by authority of this act which shall interfere with the rights of riparian owners to build upon their own lots above low water mark, or so as to interfere with the navigation of the channel of the thoroughfare, so called, in Lubec.

Authorized to build fish weirs.

Proviso.