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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 172.

An act to extend the time for completing the Penobscot Railroad.

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

Time extended for completion of road two years.

The Penobscot Railroad Company, chartered by an act approved August second, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, shall be allowed the further time of two years to complete their road, so that said company shall have until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, within which to complete their said railroad ; but this act shall not take effect unless a majority of the present board of directors shall accept the same within twelve months.

When to take effect.

[Approved March 10, 1862.]

Chapter 173.

An act to incorporate the proprietors of the Union Mills Bridge.

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

Corporators.

SECT. 1. James S. Hall, Benjamin F. Waite; Charles Waite, James Belmore, Benjamin Young, their associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby constituted, and created a body corporate, and politic by the name of Union Mills Bridge, and shall be, and hereby are made capable by that name to sue and be sued, to have, and to hold, and own real and personal estate, to an amount not exceeding five thousand dollars ; to ordain, establish, and enforce any by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this state, and to choose all necessary officers for the management of their affairs, and shall also have, and enjoy all powers and privileges incident, belonging to, and usually granted to similar corporations.

Corporate name.

May hold real and personal estate.

By-laws.

Officers.

Powers, privileges, &c.

May erect bridge.

—location.

—how built, &c.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized, and empowered to erect and maintain a toll bridge, over the river Saint Croix at some suitable place in Calais in the county of Washington, near the place where a free bridge now stands, on land belonging to said proprietors and others, said bridge to be not less than twenty feet wide, and shall in all respects be made, and kept safe for the passage of travellers.

Toll.

SECT. 3. A toll is hereby granted, and established for the use and benefit of said corporation, according to the following rates, to wit: for each horse and rider two cents ; for each horse and wagon, or other vehicle drawn by one horse, three cents ; for each cart, wagon, sleigh or sled, or other vehicle drawn by two beasts,

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six cents ; and for each additional beast two cents ; for neat cattle and horses not in harness one cent ; and all persons who shall actually be on military duty with their baggage, and all persons going to, or returning from public worship on the Lord's day, or to or from any funeral, shall be permitted to pass, and repass said bridge free of toll ; and when the toll gatherer shall not be present attending to his duty the gates shall be left open, and the toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said bridge for passengers ; and then shall be erected and constantly exposed to view a sign with the legal rates of toll fairly and legibly written thereon.

—certain persons to pass free.

In absence of toll gatherer, gate to be kept open.
Sign for rates of toll.

SECT. 4. Unless said bridge shall be erected and finished within the term of three years from the passing of this act, this grant shall be void.

Time limited.

SECT. 5. Whenever at any time after the erection of said bridge satisfactory proof shall be given to the supreme judicial court, that funds sufficient for the purchase of said bridge and franchise at their fair value, to be determined by three disinterested persons, to be appointed by said court on notice and hearing of parties have been raised upon payment of the amount of the appraisal to the treasurer of the corporation by any individual, town, towns or association, said bridge shall be free.

Bridge, when to be free.

SECT. 6. Either of the persons named in this act may call the first meeting of said corporation to be held at Calais in the county of Washington, by publication in the Calais Advertiser a newspaper printed at Calais, and the St. Croix Courier a newspaper printed at St. Stephen in the province of New Brunswick, of the time and place of said meeting at least seven days before the time of meeting.

First meeting, how called.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved March 10, 1862.]

Chapter 174.

An act to limit the jurisdiction of the municipal court of the city of Biddeford.

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

SECT. 1. The municipal court of the city of Biddeford, shall have jurisdiction in no civil action where the debt or damages recovered by the plaintiff does not exceed twenty dollars, unless the defendant, or one defendant in cases of more than one, has his residence in the county of York, or some person residing in the county of York, is, in good faith, and on probable grounds, summoned as trustee.

Jurisdiction limited.