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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 48. the faithful performance thereof, and the treasurer shall also give bonds satisfactory to such corporation, for the faithful discharge of his duties; *provided however*, that the offices of treasurer and secretary may, if deemed advisable, be united in one person.

Proviso.

Conveyances. SECT. 4. All deeds of conveyance, covenants and grants, made in behalf of said corporation shall be sealed with the corporate seal, and when made in pursuance of any vote of the corporation, shall be valid and effectual to convey real or personal property or bind the corporation.

Annual and other meetings. SECT. 5. The annual meeting shall be holden in the month of May, and at that meeting, and all other meetings, it shall require seven persons at least to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; and meetings may be directed at other times by the president or the corporation, and said corporation may provide in what manner their meetings shall be notified and called.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved February 8, 1866.

Chapter 48.

An act to incorporate the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company.

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

SECT. 1. Allen Merry, Harris Marden, Cyrus Bartlett, Lawson C. Smith, Elijah Powers, Orin Foster, John D. Hastings, Eli Swan, Humphrey Bean, Elias M. Carter, I. G. Kimball, Jeremiah Bartlett, D. W. Davis, Albion K. P. Knapp, Calvin Crocker, S. H. McKenney and Lyman Rawson, with their associates and successors, are hereby constituted a body corporate by the name of the Bethel and Hanover Toll Bridge Company, for the purpose of erecting and keeping in repair a bridge over the Androscoggin river at Hemlock island, between the towns of Bethel and Hanover in the county of Oxford; 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 this state; and to have and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to or usually granted to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. Said bridge shall be erected across the Androscoggin river at Hemlock island aforesaid; in the most practicable place, connecting the towns of Bethel and Hanover aforesaid; 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.

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

Rates of toll.

Exemptions.

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.

Signs.

Gates.

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.

Proviso.

SECT. 6. Any three of the persons named in the first section may call the first meeting of the corporation by posting up notice of the time, purpose and place of meeting, in two public and conspicuous places, in each of said towns of Bethel and Hanover, fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

First meeting.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved February 8, 1866.