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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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Chapter 427.

An act to authorize the town of Bethel to collect toll on the bridge over the Androscoggin river at Barker's Ferry.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the town of Bethel, in the county of Oxford, on the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, raised and appropriated the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a bridge over and across the Androscoggin river, at or near Barker's ferry, so called, in Bethel, aforesaid; and whereas, said river is liable to great and frequent rises of water in the fall, winter and spring seasons of the year, bringing down said river large masses of ice, logs and drift wood, thereby greatly endangering the safety of any bridge as may be built across said river; therefore

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

Tolls established, and rates of same.

SECT. 1. That a toll is hereby granted and established for the benefit of the town of Bethel, for the term of twenty years, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, upon such bridge as may be built by said town, over and across the Androscoggin river, at or near Barker's ferry, so called, in Bethel, according to the rates following, to wit: for each foot passenger, two cents; for each horse and rider, three cents; for each sleigh, sled, cart, wagon, chaise, chair or sulky, drawn by one beast, five cents, with five cents for each additional beast; for each coach, phaeton or curricule, drawn by two horses, fifteen cents, with five cents for each additional horse; for droves of neat cattle or horses, two cents per head; for sheep or swine, one cent per head. That all persons going to or returning from any place of public worship on Sunday, shall pass said bridge free of toll. All persons electors of the town of Bethel, going to or returning from any town meeting, or election of United States, state, or county officers, and all scholars going to or returning from schools, shall pass said bridge free of toll. The selectmen of said Bethel may commute these tolls by agreement with any person or persons, taking therefor a special sum for a given time.

Exemptions.

Commutation.

Conditions.

SECT. 2. At the place of collecting tolls, said town shall keep constantly exposed to view a board or sign, upon which shall be plainly and legibly printed the rates of toll aforesaid; and whenever the toll gatherer shall be absent from the toll house, the gate or gates shall be left open, and the bridge be toll free.

Approved January 29, 1868.