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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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by ballot any person or persons as members thereof; may choose such officers as to them may seem proper for their organization and government, who shall so continue one year and until others are chosen in their stead; and the persons elected treasurer and secretary, before entering upon their official duties, shall be sworn to the faithful performance thereof, and the former shall also give bonds satisfactory to said 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.

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Officers.

Official bonds.

Proviso.

SECT. 5. All deeds of conveyance, covenants and grants, made in behalf of said corporation shall be sealed with a corporate seal, and when made in pursuance of any vote of the corporation, shall be valid and effectual to convey property or bind the corporation.

Conveyances.

SECT. 6. The annual meetings shall be holden in the month of April, and at that 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 of the corporation.

Meetings.

Approved February 24, 1868.

Chapter 568.

An Act to incorporate the Houlton Village Corporation.

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

SECT. 1. The following described territory, namely: Lots numbered twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-four, thirty-seven, thirty-eight, thirty-nine, forty, forty-three, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, and the west half of lots twenty and twenty-one, all in the south division of Houlton; also lots number nineteen, range six, and number nineteen range seven, in the north division of said Houlton, according to the plan of said town, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same hereby are, created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Houlton Village Corporation.

Limits of village corporation.

SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and vested with power, at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise money to defray the expenses of a night watch, a police force, and all other necessary measures for the better security of life and property, and for the promotion of good order and quiet within its limits; for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders, or other apparatus for the ex-

Powers as to police, &c.

Public security and order.

Fire apparatus.

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Reservoirs.

tinguishment of fires, for the construction of reservoirs and aqueducts to supply water, and for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department.

Basis of assessments.

SECT. 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Houlton, and assess the tax thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed at any one assessment the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one year.

By whom and in what manner made.

Abatements and limits of assessment.

Duty of assessors.

SECT. 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors as soon as may be to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors to certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Collection of assessments, by whom and how made.

Officers.

SECT. 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, assessors, treasurer, collector, fire wardens, board of police officers, and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation; the said fire wardens to have exclusively all the power and authority within the limits of said corporation that fire-wardens have or may have chosen by towns at town meeting; the said board of police officers to consist of such number as the corporation may decide, who shall be duly sworn, and have power to execute all warrants, and have the same power to prevent public disturbances and preserve public peace within said corporation as is given by the laws of this state to constables, and to restrain all infractions of and carry into effect such by-laws as said corporation shall adopt in pursuance of this act.

Powers of fire wardens.

Number and powers of police.

By-laws and regulations.

SECT. 6. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state and the United States, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted shall extend to said corporation as fully to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only to altera-

Force thereof, and how altered or amended.

tions or additions by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose. CHAP. 569.

SECT. 7. All meetings of said corporation after the first shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of which shall be posted up in two public places within its limits seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be called on the written application of seven legal voters to said assessors, stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Meetings, and how called.

SECT. 8. Eben Woodbury, James C. Madigan, and Llewellyn Powers, or either of them, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, and for that purpose to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid, the notice to be posted up in two public places within said limits seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization and until its officers shall be chosen and sworn; and afterward at all regular meetings of the corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

Organization and proceedings therein.

SECT. 9. At the first meeting of said corporation, called agreeable to section eighth of this act, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter, and if two-thirds of the voters present at said meeting shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then this act shall take effect, and the corporation shall then proceed to organize and choose its officers.

Acceptance of charter.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the said first meeting to be called, and if this charter shall be accepted as provided in section nine of this act, then the same shall take and have complete effect in all its parts.

When to take effect.

Approved February 24, 1868.

Chapter 569.

An act to incorporate the International Railway Company.

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

SECT. 1. Joseph Granger, James S. Hall, William Duren, William Todd, Robert Watson, D. K. Chase, Benjamin Young, William T. King, William Deming, John McAllister, E. C. Gates, James Murchie, Joseph E. Eaton, A. H. Sawyer, Putnam Rolfe and George E. Downes, their associates, successors, and assigns,

Corporators.