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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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Chapter 152.

An act to amend "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Railroad Company."

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

SECT. 1. That "an act to incorporate the Biddeford and Saco Railroad Company," approved February twenty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be amended in the second line of the first section by inserting after the words "Marshall Pierce" the words 'and such other corporators as they may elect,' and in the third line of the ninth section strike out the word "five," and insert the word 'ten.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1872.

Chapter 153.

An act to incorporate the People's Ferry Company.

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

SECT. 1. Jacob P. Morse, John Patten, Charles Davenport, Charles Clapp, Jr., Israel Putnam, James T. Patten, James D. Robinson and Benjamin F. Marble, their associates, successors and assigns, be and hereby are created a body politic and corporate by the name of the People's Ferry Company, with power by that name to sue and be sued, to have and use a common seal and the same at pleasure to change, to ordain and establish suitable by-laws and regulations for the proper management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of the state, and to exercise and enjoy all the powers and privileges incident to similar corporations.

SECT. 2. That said corporation be and hereby is authorized to establish, set up and maintain a ferry across the Kennebec river between Bath and Woolwich, with boat or boats to be propelled by steam power, and such other boats as may be convenient for the night time or bad weather.

SECT. 3. That a toll be and is hereby granted and established for the use of said corporation according to the following rates, namely: for each foot passenger, eight cents; one person and horse, sixteen cents; for each vehicle drawn by one horse with one person, twenty-five cents; for each coach with two horses and driver, forty-two cents; for each additional horse or person, eight cents; for each cart or sled with two oxen and driver, thirty-

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seven cents; and for each additional yoke of oxen, twelve cents; all other neat cattle and beasts of burthen, eight cents each; sheep, swine and smaller animals, two cents each.

Duties of corporation.

SECT. 4. That said corporation shall at all times keep at the ferry established as aforesaid, a boat or boats in good repair, suitable and convenient for the accommodation of travellers, their horses, carriages, carts, teams and cattle, and cause ready and due attendance on passengers to be given on all occasions; and for every neglect of such attendance said corporation shall forfeit and pay five dollars, and for every neglect in keeping such boat, fifty dollars, each penalty to be recovered by action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction, to the use of any person who shall sue therefor; and shall be further liable to pay in an action on the case, such special damages as any person may sustain by their unreasonable neglect.

Penalty for neglect, and how recovered.

Liable to special damages.

May build piers, wharves, &c.

SECT. 5. That said corporation may build, erect and maintain any piers, railways, wharves, buildings or other conveniences necessary or useful for said ferry on the shores and landing places in said city of Bath and town of Woolwich, at such places as the Sagadahoc county commissioners shall adjudge to be convenient or necessary; *provided* that said corporation shall pay to the owners of the land or privileges so occupied, such damages as said county commissioners shall assess; either party having the right to appeal as in land taken for highways.

Proviso.

Damages.

Authorized to purchase Sagadahoc ferry.

SECT. 6. That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase of the proprietors of the Sagadahoc Ferry Company, and upon written request being made by said proprietors, said corporation shall purchase all the franchise, property, rights and privileges pertaining to said company at such sum as may be agreed upon by this corporation and said proprietors; and in case of such purchase, said corporation shall have all the rights, powers and privileges heretofore conferred upon and vested in the Sagadahoc Ferry Company by the laws of this state; and in case of disagreement as to the price to be paid for said Sagadahoc ferry, then the price to be paid therefor shall be determined by three disinterested persons, who shall be non-residents of either Bath or Woolwich, to be appointed as follows: one by the proprietors of the Sagadahoc ferry, one by the mayor of the city of Bath, and the two to select a third person who shall be a non-resident of either Bath or Woolwich; *provided* that the proprietors of said Sagadahoc ferry shall request such appraisal. Both of the said parties shall accept such appraisal as may be awarded by said appraisers. All expenses attending said appraisal shall be paid equally by the parties thereto.

In case of disagreement, price, how determined.

Bath and Woolwich authorized

SECT. 7. The city of Bath and the town of Woolwich are hereby jointly or severally authorized to take stock in, furnish aid for,

or purchase said ferry and operate the same, with all the powers and privileges conferred on said corporation by this charter; and to raise money therefor by loan or taxation, in the same manner as for other municipal purposes.

SECT. 8. Any three of the persons named in the first section of this act, are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the proprietors, by giving notice thereof in a newspaper printed in Bath, seven days previous to the time of said meeting.

SECT. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved February 24, 1872.

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to take stock and
furnish aid.

First meeting,
how called.

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An act to incorporate the St. Croix Shore Line Railroad Company.

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

SECT. 1. S. G. Pike, E. C. Gates, F. A. Pike, C. Balkam, T. B. Brewer, E. J. Gerry, L. T. Reynolds, Joshua C. Gove, William E. Coffin, Edward Wilder and H. Hume, their assigns, associates and successors, are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the St. Croix Shore Line Railroad Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall enjoy all proper remedies at law and in equity, to secure and protect them in the exercise and use of their rights and privileges, and in the performance of their duties, and said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to locate and construct and finally complete, alter and keep in repair a railroad with one or more sets of iron or wooden rails or tracks, with all suitable bridges, tunnels, viaducts, turnouts, culverts, drains, and all other necessary appendages, from some point in the city of Calais, thence through Robbinston and Perry to Pembroke. And said corporation shall be and is hereby invested with all the powers, privileges, and immunities, which are or may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act.

SECT. 2. The capital stock of said company shall consist of not less than five thousand and not more than ten thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and the immediate direction of the affairs of said corporation shall be vested in five, seven or nine directors, to be chosen as hereinafter provided, who shall hold their office until others are chosen and qualified in their places, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum; and they shall elect one of their number to be president of their board, and he shall

Corporators.

Corporate name.

Legal rights.

Authorized to
locate, construct
and complete
road.

Route.

Powers and
privileges.

Capital stock.

Affairs of com-
pany, how vested.

Directors.

Quorum.

President.