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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1873.

Chapter 378.

CHAP. 378.

An act to authorize Isaac S. Bangs, junior, and others, to clear the channel and navigate the Kennebec river between Waterville and Augusta.

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

SECT. 1. Isaac S. Bangs, junior, Edward G. Meader, John P. Caffrey, Nathaniel Meader, Willard B. Arnold, Charles E. Gray, and Timothy Wentworth, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to clear the channel of the Kennebec river from Waterville to Augusta, and to build a dam and locks, if necessary, at six mile falls, not to unnecessarily obstruct the navigation of the river with gondolas, rafts or lumber, and are hereby vested with the sole and exclusive right against all persons of employing and navigating all and every kind of boats or water craft propelled by steam, as common carriers, between the foregoing described points on said river, so that the same shall be navigable with their boats during the summer season in the ordinary state of the water, for a term of twenty years from and after the passage of this act, excepting that nothing in this act is to be construed to interfere with the erection and maintenance of any dam or dams at any point on said river where there may be a feasible water power, or with any boom or booms that may be requisite for the preservation of logs or lumber, or with the crossing of said river at ferries or bridges which now are or may hereafter be established. And any person or persons who shall use, employ or navigate on the said waters any boat or water craft as common carriers as aforesaid, without being properly authorized by said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, shall forfeit and pay for each and every such offence, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars nor less than fifty dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt to the use of said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, provided, that if the said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns shall neglect for the term of two years from the passing of this act to clear the channel of said river, and to have in operation on said waters a good steamboat of the burthen of thirty tons or more, or if they shall neglect for the term of one year to operate such a boat on said waters, then this act shall be void.

Names.

Authorized to clear channel of Kennebec river.

Right to navigate by steam for 20 years.

Not to interfere with erection of dams.

Penalty for navigating without authority.

Act void in certain cases.

Powers and privileges.

SECT. 2. Said corporators, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby vested with all the powers, duties and privileges usually granted to corporations for similar purposes, and may regulate the tolls to be demanded and received for the services of such steamboats as they may employ on the said waters between the points aforesaid, subject to the revision of the legislature.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 26, 1873.