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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1879.

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whole or in part, before the maturity thereof, until said company shall fully pay the amount of said bonds and the interest thereon, according to the tenor thereof, or shall otherwise be discharged by said cities and towns; and the net earnings of said road, shall be paid to said cities and towns or for their benefit, in proportion to the amount of said bonds issued by them respectively, in aid of said company.

CHAP. 179.

Net earnings of road to go to the cities and towns.

SECT. 3. To carry into effect the provisions and purposes of this act, said company and said cities and towns are hereby authorized to pass such votes as may be necessary and proper, to enter into and make any lawful contract, mortgage or agreements not inconsistent with the laws of the state.

Votes and contracts authorized to carry in to effect these provisions.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 28, 1879.

### Chapter 179.

An Act incorporating the Moose River Log Driving Company.

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

SECT. 1. That Elias Milliken, Joseph S. Bradstreet, Joseph Clark, J. M. Haynes, Edward J. Lawrence, Franklin Smith, C. B. Foster and Abner Coburn, their associates and successors be and they are hereby made a body politic and corporate by the name and style of Moose River Log Driving Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend to final judgment and execution, both in law and in equity, and may make and adopt any all regulations and by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the state, and may adopt a common seal, may hold real and personal estate, sufficient to carry on successfully the business of the Moose River Log Driving Company, and may grant and vote money for the same. And said company shall drive all logs and other timber coming into said Moose river, between the Moose river bridge and Moosehead lake for the purpose of being driven to market. And said company may for the purposes aforesaid remove obstructions, erect booms and dams, where the same may be lawfully done, and may use steam or other power for the purpose of towing logs and booms, and shall have all the powers and privileges and be subject to all the liabilities, incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Names of corporators.

Moose River Log Driving Company.  
Powers of corporation.

Duty to drive logs.

May remove obstructions, erect booms and dams.

SECT. 2. The officers of said company shall be a clerk, treasurer and a board of five directors, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot and sworn, and a master driver and such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary, may be appointed by the

Officers.  
How chosen.

—sworn.

## CHAP. 179.

Other officers.

President.

Quorum.

Treasurer to give bond.

Owners of logs to be driven on Moose river to be members of said corporation for one year.

Members owning logs to be driven to file with the clerk a statement. What it shall contain.

Duty of directors.

Any owner or agent neglecting to file statement,—proceedings.

Lien on logs for tax.

Record of assessment to be kept.

Directors to give to treasurer list of assessments and warrant.

Duty of treasurer.

Owners of logs to pay assessments within 15 days.

Assessment remaining unpaid, treasurer to take possession.

directors, unless chosen at the annual meeting. The directors shall, at their first meeting, elect one of their number who shall be president of the company. A majority of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum for doing business. The treasurer shall give bond to the acceptance of the directors.

SECT. 3. Any person, persons or corporations, or their agents owning logs or other timber to be driven on said Moose river, shall be members of the Moose River Log Driving Company, and shall so continue for one year, at least, and shall have all the privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities thereto.

SECT. 4. The members of said company owning logs or other timber to be driven down said river, shall on or before the first day of May in each year, file with the clerk a correct statement in writing, signed by such owner or owners, his or their authorized agent, of all such logs or timber, of the number of feet board measure full scale and the marks thereon, together with the place from which said logs are to be driven. And after the directors shall have ascertained the amount expended for driving and securing said logs, and other necessary expenses for the season, and shall have ascertained the number of feet of the different marks of logs and timber to be assessed for paying said expenses, they shall have the right to assess the same to owners, if known, or to owners unknown, making such discount for logs driven less than the whole distance as in their opinion may be right and equitable. And if any owner or agent shall refuse or neglect to file such statement in the manner herein prescribed, the directors may assess such delinquent or delinquents, for his or their proportion of the expenses, such sum or sums as may be considered by the directors just and equitable, and such assessment shall be final. Said assessment to be made as soon as may be after the close of the drive at the lake. And said company shall have a lien on all logs and other timber by them driven to secure the tax so made, which shall not be discharged until said assessment with all costs and interest shall be finally paid. The directors shall keep a record of the assessments in the office of the clerk, which shall be open to the inspection of all persons interested.

SECT. 5. The directors shall give to the treasurer a list of all assessments by them made, with a warrant in due form, under their hands, directing him to collect the same. And it shall be the duty of the treasurer immediately after receiving such lists, to notify in writing all persons therein assessed, the amount of tax upon their several marks. And all owner of logs and other timber, shall be required to pay the amount of their several assessments, within fifteen days of the date of said assessment, and at the end of said fifteen days, should the whole or any part of any member's assessment remain unpaid, the treasurer shall have power to take possession of a sufficient quantity of the logs or other timber of any mark

which has been assessed to said member, and advertise the same for sale at public auction, by posting up in some conspicuous place in Gardiner, a notice of such sale, stating therein the names of the persons taxed, with the marks assessed and the amount of assessment unpaid, ten days at least before the day of sale, and unless such assessments, with all expense incurred, are previously paid, he may then proceed to sell to the highest bidder a sufficient quantity of such logs or other timber to pay such assessment, with all proper costs and interest from the date of such assessment. Said sale to be in the city of Gardiner, or at any other place where said logs or other timber may be found.

SECT. 6. The private property of each member of said company, shall be holden to pay all debts contracted by said company, in default of company property whereon execution may be satisfied.

SECT. 7. The first meeting of said company may be called by any one of the corporators named in this act, by written notice to each member. Annual meetings shall be called by the clerk on the first Wednesday of February in each year, or at such times as the company may vote, by giving fourteen days' notice in some newspaper published in Kennebec or Somerset county; special meetings may be called by order of the directors, with like notice.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 28, 1879.

CHAP. 180.

Advertise and sell.  
Notice, how given and contents.

Sale.

Where sale is to be had.

Private property holden for debt of company.

First meeting, how called.

Annual meetings.

Notice.

Special meetings.

## Chapter 180.

An Act to establish the Police Court of the City of Belfast, and to abolish the Belfast Municipal Court.

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

SECT. 1. A police court shall be and hereby is established in and for the city of Belfast, in the county of Waldo, to be denominated the Police Court of the City of Belfast, which shall be a court of record, and have a seal, and consist of one judge, who shall reside in said Belfast, and be appointed and commissioned in the manner provided by the constitution, who shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction in all civil actions wherein the debt or damages do not exceed twenty dollars, except where he is interested, in which both parties interested, or in which the party plaintiff and the person or persons summoned as trustees shall be inhabitants of said Belfast, including prosecutions for penalties in which said city is interested, and actions of forcible entry and detainer and all violations of the by-laws of said city, and concurrent jurisdiction with trial justices, within said county, in all other matters civil and

Police court of the City of Belfast established.

Seal.  
Judge.

Jurisdiction, original and exclusive.

Concurrent jurisdiction.