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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

Chapter 199.

An Act to vest the property and franchise of the proprietors of the Upper Bridge, so called, on Eastern River, in the town of Dresden.

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

SECT. 1. The proprietors of the Upper Bridge, so called, on Eastern river in the town of Dresden, which bridge was built under an act for incorporating certain persons for the purpose of building a bridge over Eastern river, near Lithgow's Mills in the town of Dresden, in Massachusetts special laws, volume two, page one hundred and twenty-eight, passed March eight, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and by additional act of March four, eighteen hundred, are hereby authorized to transfer and convey by sale the said bridge, with all the franchises, land and appurtenances thereto belonging, upon appraisal as hereinafter provided to the said town of Dresden; and when the said bridge shall have been conveyed to said town, all the franchises of said proprietors, together with all the powers, rights and privileges now exercised by them, shall vest in the said town of Dresden.

Owners of Upper bridge authorized to sell bridge to town of Dresden.

All franchises, etc., to vest in town.

SECT. 2. The town of Dresden is hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold said bridge as a free bridge, with all the franchises, land and appurtenances thereto belonging, and maintain the same in suitable repair; and the act, private laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter thirty-five, section two, concerning the proprietors of the Upper Bridge on Eastern river shall be held to authorize said town to raise money and to take by purchase or otherwise, said bridge and franchise; and to that end, in case the proprietors refuse to sell, or the parties cannot agree as to damages, the supreme judicial court for the county of Lincoln, upon petition from the municipal officers of Dresden, after notice and hearing, may appoint a committee of three disinterested persons to determine the value of said bridge, land and franchise; and their report shall be returned to the said court, and the same proceedings may be had thereon as upon the report of a committee provided by revised statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, chapter eighteen, section thirteen. When the report of said committee is accepted, the town may pay or tender the amount of such report to the bridge corporation and thereupon said bridge shall be free.

To be made free.

Town authorized to take bridge by purchase or otherwise.

Proceedings in case owners refuse to sell.

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Town to assume
duties of proprie-
tors.

SECT. 3. The municipal officers of the town of Dresden shall, upon the transfer of said bridge to the town, by conveyance from the proprietors, or by the legal proceedings provided in section two of this act, assume control of said bridge, lay the same out as a free town way, provide a suitable draw-tender, and in all other respects be governed in the manner provided in said act of incorporation, and in said act, private laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter thirty-five.

Act void, unless
inhabitants vote
to accept.

SECT. 4. This act shall be inoperative unless the inhabitants of said town, at a legal meeting shall, by a majority vote accept the same. The municipal officers of said town shall insert in their warrant for said meeting an article for this object. The vote at said meeting shall be by ballot, thus: 'Upper Bridge free: yes.' 'Upper Bridge free, no.' The ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared as votes for town officers are, and shall be recorded by the clerk in the town record. And if there be a majority of ballots with 'yes,' it shall be deemed an acceptance of this act, and said act shall then be in force; and if there be a majority of ballots with 'no,' then the provisions of this act shall be deemed to be suspended as to such bridge, until the town at a subsequent meeting, legally called, shall in the manner indicated in this section, accept the provisions of this act as to said bridge.

Town authorized
to raise money.

SECT. 5. The town of Dresden is hereby authorized to raise money for the purposes of this act, by loan, taxation or otherwise.

Inconsistent acts
repealed.

SECT. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 9, 1883.