

Chap 159. AN ACT to authorize the City of Salem to construct a Bridge across South River in Salem.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Location, construction and maintenance, form, &c. of a bridge in Salem.

SECTION 1. The city council of the city of Salem, are hereby authorized, whenever, in their opinion, the public convenience shall require it, to construct a bridge over and across South River, in said Salem, in a line from Union street to Stage Point, so called, with a draw not less than thirty feet in width, but wider, if public convenience shall require, and with such piers as, in their judgment, may be necessary.

Proceedings before city council.

SECTION 2. In constructing said bridge, the same proceedings shall be had before the mayor and aldermen and the common council, as are by law required in laying out streets and townways.

When to take effect.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, March 27, 1846.*]

Chap 160. AN ACT to incorporate the Proprietors of the Cabot and West Springfield Bridge.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Persons incorporated.

SECTION 1. Robert E. Bemis, Veranus Chapin, Aaron Ashley and Horace Smith, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of The Proprietors of Cabot and West Springfield Bridge, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities, set forth in the forty-fourth chapter of the Revised Statutes.

Location, construction, maintenance, form, &c. of a bridge over the Connecticut River.

SECTION 2. The said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to erect a bridge over Connecticut River, between the towns of Springfield and West Springfield, at Ashley's Ferry, so called, or between that and Jones' Ferry, the location to be fixed by the county commissioners of the county of Hampden, and to purchase and hold such real estate as may be proper for the purpose: and said bridge shall be well built of suitable materials, at least twenty-six feet wide, and covered with planks, with sufficient rails on each side for the protection of passengers travelling thereon, and shall be kept in good repair at all times.

Tolls.

SECTION 3. A toll is hereby granted to said proprietors, and is established at the following rates, viz: for each foot passenger, one cent; for each horse and rider, five cents; for each gig, sulkey or buggy wagon, twelve cents; for each chaise, carryall or covered buggy, fifteen cents; for each coach, chariot or phaeton, drawn by two horses, twenty-five cents; and for each additional horse, four cents; for each