

SECT. 3. *And be it further Enacted*, that Ebenezer Farwell Esqr. be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to issue his warrant directed to some principal Inhabitant in each of said two Parishes, requiring them respectively to notify and warn the Inhabitants of their respective Parishes to meet at such time and place in each of said Parishes, as by said warrant shall be duly specified & then and there respectively choose such Officers as may be necessary to manage the affairs of said two Parishes — and the Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote, being assembled in their respective Parishes shall be & they are hereby empowered to choose such Officers accordingly.

E. Farwell, Esq.  
to issue  
warrant.

*Approved March 10, 1797.*

**1796. — Chapter 81.**

[January Session, ch. 47.]

AN ACT FOR REPEALING TWO FORMER ACTS RELATIVE TO BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER DAMARISCOTTA RIVER IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN & FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE.

SECT. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same*, that an Act entitled, “An Act incorporating certain persons for erecting a Bridge over Damariscotta River in the County of Lincoln,” passed February the eleventh, one thousand seven hundred & ninety five; & also an Act in addition to the above recited act passed February the thirteenth, one thousand seven hundred & ninety six, be & they hereby are repealed.

Former Act  
repealed.

SECT. 2D. *And be it further enacted* that John Farley, Waterman Thomas, William McCobb, James Cavannaugh & Matthew Cottril together with those who may hereafter associate with them, & their or any of their heirs & Assigns be & they hereby are constituted a Corporation & Body Politic for the purpose of erecting a Bridge over Damariscotta River near the falls at the head of Navigation on said River.

Persons now  
incorporated.

SECT. 3D. *And be it further enacted* that for re-imbursing to the said John Farley & others beforenamed their heirs & assigns the money which may be expended in building & supporting said Bridge a toll be & hereby is granted & established for the sole benefit of the said John Farley & others beforenamed, their associates heirs & assigns for the space of seventy years to commence

Toll.

from the day of opening said Bridge for passengers, according to the rates following vizt. For each foot passenger three cents — for one person & horse eight cents — for a single horse cart, sled or sleigh eleven cents — for each sleigh drawn by two or more horses seventeen cents — for each chaise, chair or sulkey seventeen cents — for each coach, chariot or phaeton twenty eight cents; other carriages or sleds drawn by two or more beasts twelve cents & a half — horses & neat cattle exclusive of those rode on or in carriages or teams four cents each — for swine or sheep eight cents per dozen & at the same rate for a greater or less number; & in all cases the same toll shall be paid for all carriages & vehicles passing said Bridge whether the same be loaded or not; & to each team one man & no more shall be allowed to pass free of toll; & at all times when the toll-gatherer shall not attend his duty the gate or gates shall be left open; *provided however*, that the General Court shall have the right to regulate the toll after the term of twenty years from its commencement.

Bridge how to be built.

SECT. 4TH. *And be it further enacted* that the said Bridge shall be well built of good & suitable materials, that it shall be at least twenty four feet wide with sufficient rails on each side for the safety of passengers & be provided with a suitable draw or opening through the same for vessels to pass. And the proprietors or corporation shall keep the said Bridge in good safe & passable repair during the time they shall be proprietors of the same, which shall be for the space of Seventy years from & after the opening said Bridge for passengers; at the end of which time it shall be surrendered to the Commonwealth in good repair. And if the said Corporation or Proprietors shall unreasonably neglect or refuse to keep said Bridge in good repair as aforesaid, on such refusal or neglect being made to appear to the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the County of Lincoln, it shall be in the power of the said Court to prohibit the proprietors aforesaid from receiving Toll from any person or persons passing said Bridge until it shall be put by them in such repair as shall be deemed sufficient.

To be kept in good repair.

Time for building bridge limited.

SECT. 5TH. *And be it enacted by the authority aforesaid*, that if the said Proprietors shall neglect for the space of four years from the passing this act to build said Bridge then this Act shall be void.

*Approved March 10, 1797.*