

Time of building, limited.

SECT. 4. *And be it further Enacted* that if the said Samuel Fisk Merrick and others before named & their Associates shall neglect for the Term of three years after passing this Act to build said Bridge, then this Act shall be void.

Approved February 16, 1798.

1797. — Chapter 49.

[January Session, ch. 17.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER YORK RIVER, AT A PLACE CALLED TRAFTON'S FERRY.

Preamble.

Whereas the erecting a Bridge over the said River in the Town of York at the place aforesaid will be of great public utility and Esaias Prebble and William Frost Esqrs. Alexander Rice, Abel Moulton, Josiah Chase & John Main and others have petitioned this Court for an Act of Incorporation to empower them to build the said Bridge,

Persons incorporated.

SEC. 1. *Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same,* that the said Esaias Prebble, William Frost, Alexander Rice, Abel Moulton, Josiah Chase & John Main so long as they shall be proprietors in a fund to be raised for the purpose of building said Bridge together with all those who shall hereafter become proprietors in the said fund, shall be a Corporation & Body Politic under the name of the proprietors of York Bridge; and by that name may sue & prosecute & be sued & prosecuted, to final Judgment & Execution & do & suffer all other matters & things which bodies Corporate may or ought to do, & suffer; & the said Corporation shall have full power to build a Bridge over said River at the place aforesaid, with authority to make have & use a Common Seal, & the same to break alter & renew at pleasure.

May sue and be sued.

First Meeting.

SEC. 2. *Be it further Enacted* that the said Esaias Prebble, William Frost, Alexander Rice, Abel Moulton, Josiah Chase & John Main or any three of them, may by advertisement in the Eastern Herald and Gazette of Maine printed at Portland, warn or call a Meeting of the said Proprietors to be holden in York at any suitable time after fifteen days from the publication of said advertisement. And the said proprietors by a vote of the majority of those present or represented at the said Meeting, ac-

counting & allowing a Vote to each Share in all cases, shall choose a Clerk who shall agree on a method of calling future Meetings & at the same or any subsequent Meeting, may make & establish any rules & regulations that shall be necessary or convenient for regulating said Corporation, for effecting completing & executing the purposes aforesaid; & the same rules & regulations may cause to be kept & executed; & for the breach thereof may order & enjoin fines or penalties not exceeding Ten dollars; *Provided* the rules & regulations are not repugnant to the Laws & Constitution of this Commonwealth. And the said proprietors may also choose & appoint any other Officer or Officers of the said Corporation that they may deem necessary; & all representations at the said meeting shall be proved by writing signed by the person appointing his Representative; which shall be filed with or recorded by the Clerk in a Book or Books, for that purpose provided and kept.

Clerk.

Fines may be assessed.

SEC. 3. *Be it further Enacted*, that the said Bridge shall be well built at least Twenty-five feet wide, & shall be four feet at least above the Water in a common tide at high water, of sound and suitable materials, with a convenient Draw or passage way at least thirty feet wide & at proper place for the passage of Vessells, well constructed with substantial piers on each side & well planked on the top and sides with plank proper for such a Bridge & suitable rails on each side; & the same shall be kept in good safe, & passable repair for the term of twelve years from the passing of this Act.

Bridge, construction, etc.

SEC. 4. *Be it further Enacted* that if the said proprietors shall refuse or neglect for the space of three Years after the passing of this Act to build and complete the said Bridge, then this Act shall be void & of no effect.

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Approved February 17, 1798.

1797. — Chapter 50.

[January Session, ch. 18.]

AN ACT RELATING TO SUITS AGAINST DEFENDANTS OUT OF THE STATE; ALSO TO GIVING NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS SUED.

SECT. 1. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same*, That when the goods or estate of any person shall be attached at the suit of another in any

Summons, where to be left when