

Society twenty days at least, previous to the annual meeting of each of the said Societies, and shall pay his or her proportion, of all monies assessed in the Society, previous thereto, such person shall thereafter, with his or her Polls and Estate, be considered, as a member of the Society, with which he or she has so united.

Part of former act repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, that so much of the aforesaid Act, passed the twenty fourth day of June One thousand seven hundred and Ninety, as is inconsistent with the intention of the present Act, and as far as concerns the town of New Gloucester, be and the same is hereby repealed.

First meeting.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, that Isaac Parsons Esquire or any other Justice of the Peace in the County of Cumberland, be and hereby is authorised to issue a warrant directed to some member of the said Society, requiring him to notify and warn the members of the said Baptist Society in New Gloucester, to meet at such convenient time and place, as shall be expressed in the said Warrant, to choose all such Officers as Parishes are by Law entitled to choose, in the month of March or April annually.

Approved March 8, 1803.

1802. — Chapter 131.

[January Session, ch. 93.]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF BLUEHILL, BY THE NAME OF BLUEHILL ACADEMY.

Preamble.

Whereas the encouragement of literature in the rising generation, has ever been considered by the wise and good, as an object worthy of the most serious attention, as the safety & happiness of a free people, ultimately depend upon the advantages arising from a pious, virtuous, & liberal education.

Whereas it appears that John Peters Esqr. & several other Gentlemen, residing chiefly in the town of Bluehill have subscribed to build & support an Academy for the term of ten Years from the time of incorporation.

SEC. 1. *Be it therefore enacted, by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same*, That there be, and hereby is established in the town of Bluehill, in the County of Hancock, an Academy by the name of Bluehill Academy, for the purpose of promoting true piety & virtue, & for the Edu-

Academy to be established.

at Salem aforesaid, the amount of their Capital Stock, & upon what risks, and to what amount in any one risk they propose to insure.

Statement of
affairs to be
laid before
legislature.

SECT. 15TH. *And be it further enacted*, that the President & Directors of the said Company, whenever it shall be required by the Legislature of this Commonwealth, shall lay before them a true Statement of the affairs of the said Company, and shall submit themselves to an examination under oath concerning the same.

Approved March 8, 1803.

1802. — Chapter 127.

[January Session, ch. 89.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER CONNECTICUT RIVER IN THE CENTER OF THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE, BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF HADLEY & HATFIELD, & FOR SUPPORTING THE SAME.

Preamble.

Whereas a Bridge over Connecticut River between the Towns of Hadley & Hatfield in the County of Hampshire, would be of great Publick convenience: And whereas Lemuel Dickinson & others have presented a Petition to this Court, praying for liberty to build the same, & to be incorporated for that purpose.

Persons incor-
porated.

SECT. 1ST. *Be it enacted, by the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same*, that Lemuel Dickinson, David Billings, Silas Billings, Samuel Partridge, Isaac Maltby, Moses Warner, Israel Parsons, Daniel White, junior, Colton Partridge, Elijah Nash, Ebenezer White, John Allis, Joseph Billings, Perez Hastings, Cotton White, William Bodman, Elisha Nash, Jacob Williams, Joshua Warner, Guy C. Warner, Amasa Cleveland, Seth Kingsley, John Wait, Gross Williams, Joseph Williams, Moses Nash, John Nash, Mark Warner, Elisha Nash, junior, Oliver Nash, Zebina Montague, Isaac Abercrombie, John Billings, Medad Dickinson, Ebenezer Bliss, Daniel Kellog, Elijah Dickinson, Ebenezer Boltwood, Martin Kellog, Perez Dickinson, Solomon Boltwood, Enos Baker, Ralph Snow, Calvin Merrill, Samuel F. Dickinson, Abia Southworth, Harris Hatch, Freedom Chamberlain junior, Eli Bates, John Gay, Joseph Hamilton, Matthew Gray, Nehemiah Hinds, John Conkey, David Childs, John Hoar,

Nathan Felton, Benjamin Felton, Thomas Powars, Jonathan Danforth, Seth Hinkley, Lemuel Willis, Thomas Wheeler, junior, Nathaniel Foster, James Conant, William Dean, William Henry, John Brigham, Thomas Read, Jonas Howe, junior, Nathaniel H. White, Lemuel Abbot, Samuel Andrews, & George Slocum, with such persons as already have associated, or that may hereafter associate with them, be & they are hereby made & constituted a Corporation & Body-Politic by the name of—The Proprietors of the Hatfield Bridge, — & by that name may Sue & be sued to final Judgment & Execution, & do & suffer all matters, acts & things which bodies Politic may or ought to do & suffer. And the said Corporation shall & may have & use a common Seal, & the same may break & alter at pleasure.

Corporate name.

SECT. 2D. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, that any three of the Persons above named may warn & call a meeting of the Proprietors aforesaid to be holden at any convenient time & place, by publishing the same three weeks successively, in the Hampshire Gazette, published in Northampton, the last publication to be fourteen days before the time of such Meeting, & the said Proprietors by a vote of the Majority of those present, or represented at said Meeting allowing one vote to & for each single Share in all cases; *provided however*, that no one Proprietor shall be allowed more than twenty Votes, shall choose a Clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his Office & shall also agree on a method of calling future meetings & at the same, or some subsequent meeting, or meetings may elect such Officers, & make & establish such rules & by laws as to them shall seem necessary or convenient for the regulation & government of the said Corporation for the carrying into effect the purposes aforesaid, & for collecting the toll herein after granted & established, & may annex penalties to the breach of any by-Laws, not exceeding Five dollars — And all representations at said meetings, shall be filed with the Clerk of said Corporation, & this act & all rules, regulations & proceedings shall be fairly & truly recorded by said Clerk in a book or Books to be provided & kept for that purpose.

First meeting; officers to be chosen and rules established.

SECT. 3D. *Be it further enacted*, that the said Proprietors, be, & they are hereby authorized & empowered to erect a Bridge over Connecticut River, between the

Location of bridge.

towns of Hadley & Hatfield, in the County of Hampshire, about Eighty rods south of the Meeting House in Hatfield, abutting on lands of the Honble. John Hastings, Esquire, & to strike the Eastern Bank of said River about eighty rods South of the dwelling House of Charles Phelps, esquire, in Hadley — And said Bridge shall be well built with suitable materials, at least twenty eight feet wide & covered with planks with sufficient rails on each side & boarded up twelve inches high from the floor of said Bridge, for the safety of passengers travelling thereon & the same shall be kept in good repair at all times. And for the purpose of re-imbursing the said proprietors the money to be expended by them in building & supporting said Bridge

SECT. 4TH. *Be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, that a Toll be & hereby is granted & established for the sole benefit of the said Proprietors according to the rates following vizt., For each foot passenger, three cents — For each horse & rider, seven cents — For each horse & chaise, chair or Sulkey, sixteen cents — For each Coach, Chariot or Phaeton, or other four wheel carriage for passengers, thirty three cents & for each Curricule, twenty five cents — For each Sleigh drawn by one horse, ten cents, & if drawn by more than one horse, twelve & one half cents — For each Cart, Sled or other carriage of burden drawn by one beast, ten cents, — if drawn by two beasts, sixteen cents, if drawn by more than two beasts, twenty cents — For each Horse without a rider, & for neat cattle, three cents each — For Sheep & swine, one cent each — & one person & no more shall be allowed to each Team as a driver to pass free of Toll — and all persons who shall have occasion to pass said Bridge to perform Military duty shall pass free of Toll; & the Toll shall commence on the day of the first opening of said Bridge, & shall continue for the term of Seventy years — & at the place where the Toll shall be received, there shall be erected & constantly exposed a Signboard, with the rates of Toll fairly & legibly written, or printed thereon, in large letters.

SECT. 5TH. *And be it further enacted*, that the said Corporation, at the time of opening said Bridge, shall cause a true & just account of the expences thereof; & at the end of every three years thereafterwards a just & true account of the receipts & disbursements to be returned

Toll estab-
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Account of
cost of bridge
and triennial
returns to be
exhibited.

into the Office of the Secretary of this Commonwealth ; — And after fifty years from the opening of said Bridge the General Court may regulate the rates of Toll receivable thereat.

SECT. 6TH. *And be it further Enacted*, That if the said Proprietors shall neglect for the space of Six years from the passing this Act to build & erect said Bridge, then this act shall be void & of no effect.

Time for building bridge limited.

Approved March 8, 1803.

1802. — Chapter 128.

[January Session, ch. 90.]

AN ACT FOR THE PREVENTION OF HORSE-RACING.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same*, That from and after the first day of June next, no plate, purse, sum of Money, or other thing of Value, shall be run for, by any horse, mare, or gelding : And if any person shall run, or cause, or procure to be run, or aid and abet in running, or, being the owner, shall suffer to be run, any horse mare, or gelding, for any plate, purse, sum of Money, or other thing of value ; or shall bet or stake any plate, purse, sum of Money, or other thing of Value, on the event of any such Race ; or shall hold any such betts or stakes ; or publish or distribute any written or printed advertizement of such race, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred Dollars nor less than ten Dollars ; to be recovered, by indictment, in the Supreme Judicial Court, to the use of the Commonwealth, or in the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to the use of the County ; or by an action of trespass on the case, in favour of any person, who shall first sue therefor, to effect, in the Court of Common Pleas ; or, if the suit be for not more than thirteen Dollars, and thirty three cents, before a Justice of the Peace ; one moiety thereof to the use of the Plaintiff, and the other moiety to the use of the Poor of the Town wherein the Offence shall have been committed.

Penalty for being any way concerned in a horse-race.

SEC. 2D. *And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall be the duty of every Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Coroner, Constable, and Grand Juror, to give information, to the proper authority, of any transgression of this Law, occurring within his proper district,

Sheriffs, coroners, &c. directed to give information of any transgression.