

and pay a fine of ten dollars for each and every offence, and shall moreover forfeit the net or seine and boat so used, to be disposed of according to the law passed on the twenty-second day of February, seventeen hundred and ninety-four.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if any owner or occupier of any wear or hedge within the counties aforesaid, between the twentieth day of April and tenth day of July, annually, shall refuse or neglect to keep open a free passage in each wing, curve, trap or pound in said hedge, where fish are at any time taken, in the deepest water or channel, at least six feet wide, and six feet high from the bottom of the flats, from sun rise on Saturday to sun rise on Monday of each week, so as to let every species of fish pass out without being taken, he or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for each offence, the sum of twenty dollars.

Passages for fish to be kept open.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all fines and forfeitures incurred by any breach of this act, shall inure one half thereof, to the officer or person who shall prosecute for the same, and the other half to the use of the town within which the offence is committed.

Disposition of forfeitures.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXII.

An Act to incorporate the Agricultural Society of Maine.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Jesse Appleton, Isaac Adams, John Abbot, William Abbot, Phineas Ashman, William H. Bordman, James Bridge, Thomas Bond, Benjamin Brown, E. Brown, John Blake, J. Black, J. Bennock, G. Bixby, B. Bryant, N. Blackwell, Supply Belcher, John Burnham, Oliver Bray, Daniel Cony, John Chandler, David Cobb, R. Cobb, Thomas Cobb, Nathan Cutler, Parker McCobb, William Crosby, Francis Carr, Philip Coombs, Eleazer Coburn, Henry Dearborn, John Davis, Pitt Dillingham,

Persons incorporated.

S. E. Dutton, R. Dodge, S. Dore, I. Dane, Williams Emmons, Nicholas Emery, Thomas Eldred, H. W. Fuller, A. Fletcher, B. P. Field, William Gray, R. H. Gardiner, Benjamin Green, A. Gilman, Ezekiel Goodale, M. Greenleaf, I. Godfrey, junior, Z. Gilman, M. L. Hill, I. Hook, junior, A. Howard, G. Herbert, C. B. Hall, Jedediah Herrick, W. A. Hayes, D. Harding, junior, N. Hanson, Richard Harnden, Isaac Ilsley, L. Jarvis, Caleb Jewett, A. Jones, D. Johnson, William King, Martin Kinsley, James Lloyd, Stephen Longfellow, S. Longfellow, junior, Samuel Longfellow, Joseph Lamson, Lothrop Lewis, I. Loring, Cyrus Libby, Richard Lord, John Low, T. Leavitt, Thomas Leigh, Prentiss Mellen, A. Mann, John Merrick, B. McLellan, Jacob McGaw, I. Moulton, William Moody, John May, I. Nelson, I. G. Neil, Joseph North, William Prescott, J. Parker, S. M. Pond, J. Peirce, Nathaniel Peirce, O. Peirce, Chandler Robbins, John Richards, Jesse Robinson, Samuel Redington, William Sullivan, David Sears, Calvin Selden, Richard Sawtell, James Starr, junior, Thomas W. Smith, Daniel Sewall, J. W. Seaver, T. Sibley, Benjamin Shaw, William Sylvester, S. Stephenson, Israel Thorndike, Israel Thorndike, junior, Samuel Thatcher, S. Thayer, Jonathan Tucker, Benjamin Vaughan, Charles Vaughan, William O. Vaughan, Samuel S. Wilde, Thomas L. Winthrop, Joshua Wingate, Joshua Wingate, junior, John Ware, Nathan Weston, junior, E. T. Warren, Peleg Wadsworth, Reuel Williams, Lemuel Williams, George W. Wallingford, D. Wood, James L. Wood, Abiel Wood, S. A. Whitney, John Wilson, George Watson, P. H. Washburn, James Waugh, William D. Williamson, S. Williamson, James Bowen, Benjamin Butman, John Brewer, John Balkam, James Bailey, Moses Carlton, Nathaniel Coffin, William Chamberlain, John Cooper, James Campbell, John Dole, Erastus Foote, Ebenezer Farley, Benjamin Hasey, James W. Head, Joshua Head, Josiah Harris, Stephen Jones, Ebenezer Inglee, Theodore Lincoln, James Malcom, Benjamin Orr, William H. Page, Benjamin Riggs, James Rogers, Thomas Ruggles, Dummer Sewall, Josiah Stebbins, Peleg Tallman, Ebenezer Thacher, Jacob Townsley, David Wash,

and Ephraim Whitney, together with such others, as shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby incorporated into, and made a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of "The Agricultural Society of Maine," for the purpose of promoting useful improvements in agriculture and manufactures.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation be, and they are hereby declared capable in law, of purchasing, taking, and holding in fee simple, or any less estate, by gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, any lands, tenements, or other estate, real and personal; *provided* the annual income of the said real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of thirty thousand dollars; and also to sell, alien, devise or dispose of the same estate, real and personal, not using the same in trade or commerce.

May hold real or personal estate.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have full power and authority to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, renew and alter, at pleasure; that it shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all courts of record, in all actions, real, personal and mixed; and to do and execute all and singular such other matters and things that to them shall and may appertain to do.

May sue and be sued.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the said corporation may make, establish and put in execution, such laws and regulations, as may be necessary to the government of said corporation; *provided* the same shall in no case be repugnant to the laws and constitution of this Commonwealth; and for the well governing of said corporation, they shall have such officers as they shall, hereafter, from time to time, elect and appoint; and such officers as shall be designated by the laws and regulations of said corporation, for the purpose, shall be capable of exercising such power for the well governing and ordering the affairs of the said corporation, and calling and holding such occasional meetings for the purpose, as shall be fixed and determined by the said laws and regulations.

By-laws.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the place of holding the first meeting of said society, shall be in the town of Hallowell, and that the Honorable Samuel S.

First meeting.

Wilde be, and he hereby is authorized to fix the time for holding said meeting, and to notify the same to the members of the said society, by causing the same to be published in such newspapers as he may think expedient, thirty days before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXIII.

An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to incorporate the Eastern River Lock and Sluice Company.

BE *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That the corporation established by an act passed on the thirteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, entitled "An act to incorporate the Eastern River Lock and Sluice Company," be, and they hereby are authorized to hold and be possessed of real estate, not exceeding the value of ten thousand dollars, and of personal estate not exceeding the same amount.

May hold real estate.

[Approved by the Governor, February 16, 1818.]

CHAP. CXXIV.

An Act to incorporate the Howard Benevolent Society.

SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,* That Thomas Vose and his associates, together with such others as may become subscribers to the same institution, in the manner hereinafter provided, be, and they are hereby incorporated into a society, by the name of the Howard Benevolent Society; and by that name shall be a corporation forever; with power to have a common seal, to make con-

Persons incorporated.