

ing of said bridge for passengers, and shall continue for and during the term of seventy Years ; at the end of which term the said Bridge shall be disposed of by the Govern- ment as the Legislature shall think proper ; *provided nevertheless*, that from and after the expiration of thirty Years from the first taking Toll for the passing of said Bridge, the said Legislature shall have full power & au- thority from time to time to alter and regulate the several rates of Toll aforesaid as they may think proper.

SECT. 4. *Be it further Enacted*, that the said Bridge shall be well built, at least Twenty four feet wide, of sound and suitable materials, with well constructed substantial Piers on each side, and well planked on the top and sides with planks proper for such a Bridge ; and the same shall be kept in good safe and passable repair for the term afore- said, and at the end of said term shall be in like repair ; and at the place where the Toll shall be received, the said Proprietors shall erect and constantly expose to open view, a Sign or Board with the rates of Toll of all the tollable articles, fairly and legibly written thereon in large or Capital Letters.

Bridge, con-
struction, etc.

To be kept in
repair.

Sign-board to
be erected.

SECT. 5. *And be it further Enacted*, that if the said Proprietors shall neglect or refuse for the space of three Years after the passing this Act, to build the said Bridge, and complete the same, then this Act shall be void and of no effect.

Time limited
for building.

Approved June 22, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 18.

[May Session, ch. 18.]

AN ACT IMPOWERING SETH SPRING, TO BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MAIN BRANCH OF SACO RIVER, FROM SPRING'S ISLAND IN BIDDEFORD TO PEPPERRELBOROUGH.

SECT. 1ST. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same*, that Seth Spring of Biddeford, in the County of York, Gentleman, be authorised & impow- ered to erect a Bridge, at his own expence, across the main branch of Saco River, above Saco Falls, from Spring's Island (so called) in Biddeford aforesaid to the River side of the road in Pepperrelborough.

Seth Spring
impowered to
build a bridge.

SECT. 2D. *Be it further Enacted*, that the said bridge shall be built of good and sufficient materials and raised eight feet at least above the level of the present road on

Construction,
etc.

the eastern side of said River, leaving free a passage way of forty eight feet at least between the abutment on the eastern side & the pier next to the same; the said abutment not to project more than six feet into the water.

Toll estab-
lished.

SECT. 3D. *Be it further enacted*, that, for the purpose of reimbursing the said Spring, his heirs & assigns the Monies expended in building & supporting said Bridge, a toll be & hereby is granted to him, his heirs & assigns, for their sole benefit, according to the rates following, to continue till the further order of the General Court; viz: for each foot passenger two Cents; for each person & horse, six Cents; for every Cart, sled, or sleigh drawn by one horse ten Cents; for every Cart, Waggon, Sled or Sleigh drawn by two or more horses, twelve & a half Cents; for every chaise or chair, drawn by one horse, with the Riders fifteen Cents; for every horse & sulkey, with the rider, twelve & a half Cents; for every chaise drawn by two horses with the passengers twenty Cents; for each Coach, Chariot, Phaeton or curricule, including passengers, twenty five Cents; for each Cart or Sled drawn by two oxen ten Cents; for every cart or sled drawn by four or more oxen twelve & a half Cents; for all neat Cattle, one cent each; for each dozen of Sheep or swine two Cents; & so in proportion for a greater or less number; And in all cases the same toll shall be paid for all carriages & vehicles passing said bridge, whether the same be loaded or not loaded; & to each team one man, & no more shall be allowed as a driver to pass free from payment of toll; & the toll gatherer shall not be obliged at any time to open the Gates for any passenger till he or she has paid the rate of toll; and at the times when the toll gatherer shall not attend his duty the gate shall be left open. And if any person shall receive or demand any greater toll in any case than is stated by this Act or shall hinder or attempt to hinder any person from passing said bridge with his horse or horses, cattle or carriage, sled or sleigh, sheep or swine upon paying or offering to pay the toll hereby established, he shall forfeit the sum of Thirteen dollars, to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace in the said County of York, by any person from whom such greater toll shall be received or demanded or by any person so hindred or attempted to be hindred from passing as the case may be. And the said Spring shall put & constantly keep up at the place where the toll shall be received, a sign board on

Penalty for
extortion.

Sign board to
be erected.

which shall be painted in large fair & legible characters, the several rates of toll established by this Act; otherwise he shall not be entitled to receive the same; & said toll shall be no longer demanded than while the said spring shall keep the said Bridge in good repair.

Approved June 22, 1797.

1797. — Chapter 19.

[May Session, ch. 19.]

AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING CERTAIN PERSONS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A BRIDGE OVER ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER, AT LEWISTON, BETWEEN TWENTY MILE FALLS AND THE FERRY-WAY.

Whereas the erecting a Bridge over Androscoggin River, below Twenty-mile Falls, so called, will be of great public utility, and John Herrick and others, have petitioned this Court for an Act of Incorporation, to empower them to build said Bridge:

Preamble.

SECT. 1. *Be it therefore Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that John Herrick, Joseph Treadwell, Benja. Merrill, Jos. Herrick, Abner Harris, Joseph Blanchard, Joseph Field, William Golder, Nathan Cutter, Joel Thompson, Daniel Cony, Joseph North, William Howard, James Bridge, Elias Craig, George Crosby, Peter J. Vose, S. Howard junr., William Sprague & Daniel Davis, with all those who have associated for the purpose, together with all those who shall hereafter become Proprietors in said Bridge, shall be a Corporation & Body Politic under the name of the Proprietors of Lewiston Bridge; and by that name may sue and prosecute & be sued & prosecuted to final Judgement & Execution, & do & suffer all other Acts & things which bodies corporate may and ought to do & suffer: and that said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make have and use a Common Seal, and the same to break alter & renew at pleasure.*

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further Enacted that Daniel Cony Esqr. may by advertisement in one of the Newspapers printed in the County of Lincoln, warn & call a meeting of the aforesaid Proprietors, to be holden in Hallowell aforesaid, at any suitable time and place after fourteen days from the publication of such advertizement, & the said Proprietors by a vote of the majority of those present, accounting and*

First meeting.