

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the people of
the State of Illinois Represented in the
General Assembly: That Robert Hurston,
Asford Smith, David Hoolges, Washington
Bell, Josias H. Coggeshall, Harvey Jarboe
Cheston Swallow Joshua Hanks and their

associates successors or assigns are hereby
created a body corporate & politic, by the
name of the "Manchester & Bridgeport
Rail-Road Company" & by that name
are hereby made capable in ~~any~~ law &
equity, to sue & be sued, to plead & be
impleaded, defend & be defended, in any
court or courts of record, or in any other
place whatever; to contract & be con-
tracted with; and shall be & hereby are
vested with all the powers & privileges
which may be necessary to carry into
effect the purposes & objects of this act, as here-
inafter set forth; - and the said company
are hereby authorized, to locate construct &
prosecute, to final completion, a Rail-Road
commencing at Manchester, from thence
to Glasgow thence to Bridgeport on the
Illinois River in Morgan County; and said
company are authorized to lay out their
said Road at least six rods wide, through
the whole length; and for the purpose of
cutting embankments, stone, & gravel,

may take as much more land as may be necessary for the proper construction of said Road provided, that all damages that may be occasioned to any person or corporation by the taking of such land or materials for the purposes aforesaid, shall be paid for by said company, in the manner hereinafter provided. —

Sec. 2. The capital stock of said company shall be one hundred ~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} Dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each; and the government and direction of the affairs of said company shall be exerted in not less than five directors, who shall be chosen by the members of the company, in the manner hereinafter provided, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are duly elected; and the said directors, a majority of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, shall elect one of their number to be president of the company; & shall choose a clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties — and a treasurer who shall give bond to the company with ^{such} security as shall satisfy the directors. —

Sec. 3. The president & directors are hereby authorized to make such equal apportionment from time to time on all shares, as may be necessary for the prosecution of

the work, and direct the same to be paid to the treasurer of the company, & the treasurer shall give notice of such assessments.

The board shall have power to call special meetings of the stockholders, and to adopt Rules & bye-laws regulating the manner & time of payment of ^{all} assessments they may order

Sec. 4. Said company shall pay all Damages that may arise to any person or persons Corporation or Corporations, by taking their Land, Stone, or gravel for the use of said Road, when the same can not be obtained by voluntary agreement, - to be estimated and recovered in the manner provided by law, for the Recovery of Damages happening by the laying out of highways.

Sec. 5. ~~When the same~~ If any person shall wilfully & maliciously & contrary to law, obstruct the passage of any car on said Road or any part thereof or any thing belonging thereto, he, she, or they, shall forfeit & pay to said company, for every such offence double such Damages as shall be proven before any court competent to try the same, to be used for in the name & behalf of said company and such offender or offenders shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to indictment in the same

Manner as other indictments are found in any county or counties where such offence shall have been committed; and upon conviction of such offence, shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars for the use of the county where the indictment may be found, or may be imprisoned not exceeding one year.

Sec. 6. Said company shall so construct said road, as not to obstruct hinder or interfere with the passage or free use of any public highway.

Sec. 7. The time & place of holding the annual meetings of the company, for the ~~purpose~~ of election of directors, or other purposes, shall be fixed or determined by the bye-laws of said company; and at such meetings each stock holder shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares; and any two persons named in this act are authorized to call the first meeting of said company, by giving notice in one of the papers published at Jacksonville, of the time & place of holding such meeting, at least fifteen days before the time of such meeting.

Sec. 8. The president & directors shall have power to enact such bye-laws rules & regulations as they may deem expedient, to carry into effect the provisions of this act; provided the same shall not be repugnant to the constitution & laws of this State or of the United States.

Sec. 9. Said corporation shall establish and

collect tolls, for all persons and property which may be conveyed upon said Road at such rates per mile as may be agreed upon from time to time, by said corporation; provided however, that if the nett income & receipts for tolls or other profits, from and after the completion of said Road, shall exceed twelve per cent, per annum, the Legislature may reduce said rate of tolls, so as to take off the overplus.

Sec. 10. The said company shall have the Route of said Road surveyed, & expend ~~in~~ in its construction five thousand Dollars within three years from day next and completed within eight years thereafter otherwise this act shall be null & void.

H.R. No. 380

A Bill for
an Act to incorporate
the Manchester
and Bridgeport
Rail Road Company

to be enacted.

Chas. W. R.