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At a meeting of the subscribers for acting a Marine Railway, holden at the Bell Tavern, to transact such business as may be brought before them it was, voted:

That Samuel Hale, Esq. be chairman

That C.S. Toppan, secretary of said meeting.

Voted: That a committee be appointed to examine the location for a Railway as is mentioned in the subscription paper, in connection with Mr. Ezra Dodge; also to enquire the price, examine the title, etc., and how much land may be necessary for a Railway. The said committee to report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted: That the above committee consist of three and that Samuel Hale, Charles Cushing, Andrew Bell compose this committee.

Voted: That Mr. Ezra Dodge of Beverly be requested by the chairman of the above committee to visit Portsmouth to consult with the committee and to examine the location for a Railway.

Voted: That this meeting be adjourned to meet such a time as the above committee may direct, and that notice be given to each of the subscribers of said meeting.

Portsmouth, N.H. April 23, 1833

Samuel Hale, Chairman

C.S. Toppan, Secretary

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At an adjourned meeting of the subscribers for erecting a Marine Railway, holden at Bell Tavern agreeable to notice from the committee.

It was voted: That the following Article of Agreement for the association of the subscribers for erecting a Marine Railway be adopted, viz.

Article 1st The Capital Stock of the Company shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each and shall consist of as many shares as may be found necessary to carry into effect the objects of the association.

Article 2nd The officers of the Company shall consist of a Board of three Directors, one of whom shall be designated as President, and also a clerk. The Directors shall be authorized to collect the subscriptions to the stock, to look out and purchase the most suitable site that can be had for the Railway, whether it be that proposed by Messrs. S.B. Lord & Co. on the conditions offered in the subscription list, or any other at the discretion of said Directors, and to erect thereon a double Marine Railway, having one track for large vessels, and another track for small vessels, together with such buildings and wharves as may be necessary to such an establishment. And the Directors are hereby authorized to appoint and employ such agents and officers as they may deem necessary, and to do and perform all matters and things relating to said Railway, and the well ordering and proper management of its concerns, so as to carry fully into effect the objects of the association.

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Article 3rd It shall be the duty of the Clerk to give notice to the proprietors of all meetings ordered by the directors and to keep a record of the proceedings at said meetings.

Article 4th The subscriptions to the stock shall be paid in such assessments as the Directors may order. In case any subscribers shall not pay the first assessment on his share or shares within five days after the same shall be demanded, he shall forfeit his subscription and the Directors may dispose of such shares or shares to any person who will pay the assessment due thereon, and in case any subscriber after having paid the first assessment on his share or shares shall refuse or neglect to pay any other assessment which may become due thereon after the same shall have been demanded, then, in that case, the Directors after giving fifteen days' notice, may sell the shares or shares as such delinquent at public auction, and in case the net proceeds of the sale amount to more than the assessment due on such shares or shares, then the balance shall be refunded to such delinquent proprietors on demand.

Article 5th On receiving the first assessment, the directors may open script for stock in the following words.

Be it known that _____ or his assigns will be entitled to a certificate of Share No. _____ in the Portsmouth Marine railway company whenever assessments to the amount of one hundred dollars per share shall have been paid thereon, subject however to the rules and regulations of said company.

This script may be transferred by endorsements on the back and filing the same with the Clerk of the Company.

Portsmouth 1833 Clerk _____ President _____

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Article 6th In all meetings of the Proprietors, each share shall be entitled to one vote, and the majority of the votes present at any meeting shall be sufficient to decide any questions or matter proposed. Proprietors not present may be represented by proxies authorized in writing.

Article 7th Meetings of the proprietors may be called to at any time by order of the Directors, and it shall be the duty of the Directors to order a meeting of the Company at any time at the written requests of the proprietors of twenty-five shares.

Article 8th These articles shall be enforced until repealed or altered at a meeting of the proprietors called for that purpose, or until the Company shall be organized under a charter from our State Legislature which charter it shall be incumbent on the Directors to obtain as soon as practical.

On motion, it was voted, that each of the above articles be put to the meeting separately. Whereupon it was voted that the articles 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th be adopted for the government of the company.

Voted that this association be styled the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company.

Voted that the officers of the Company be chosen by ballot, whereupon it was voted that
Samuel Hale, President
Charles Cushing
John Salter, Esq. be the directors.

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And that C. S. Toppan be the Clerk of the Company.
Voted That the meeting be dissolved.
Portsmouth N.H. April 30, 1833
Samuel Hale, Chairman
C.S Toppan, Secretary

At a meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company,
Samuel Hale chairman
J.P. Lyman was chosen secretary

The chairman stated what had been done by the directors since the last meeting. On motion, it was
Voted That the directors be authorized to purchase Ayre's Wharf and the appurtenances
proposed for the location of the Railway provided the same shall not cost the company more than
thirty-two hundred dollars.

Voted That the meeting be dissolved.
Portsmouth N.H. May 18th. 1833
Samuel Hale, chairman
John P. Lyman, Secretary.

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Agreeable to the following advertisement in the Portsmouth Journal viz.

"Portsmouth Marine Railway Company. The undersigned, agreeably to the provisions of an act
passed by the Legislature of New Hampshire, at their late June session entitled " An act to
incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company" hereby give
notice that the first meeting of said corporation will be held in said Portsmouth, at the Counting
Room, on the Railway Wharf, on Tuesday the 30th inst. at 4 o'clock p.m. when said charter should
be accepted, the company will be organized, and such other business transacted as may legally
come before said meeting. A punctual attendance of all persons interested is respectfully
requested."

Signed,
Samuel Hale
Charles Cushing
John Salter"
Portsmouth, N. H. July 13, 1833

The stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company having met at the time and place
above mentioned it was voted that in order to take into consideration the above advertisement the
present meeting be organized by a choice of a chairman and secretary were upon Samuel Hale, was
chosen chairman and C. S. Topham, secretary of said meeting. Voted that the following act for
corporation by the Legislature be adopted for the government of said company viz.

State of New Hampshire

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two

An act to incorporate sundry persons by the name of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company

Sec. 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
convened, that Samuel Hale, Charles Cushing and John Salter, their associates and successors be
and they hereby are incorporated and made a body politick and corporate by the name of the
Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, and in that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and
defend to final judgment and execution, may have and use a common seal and the same at

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pleasure, may break, alter or renew, and said company are hereby visited with all the power and privileges and subject to all the liabilities incident to similar corporations.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted that the Capital stock of said company shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be divided into shares of not less than one hundred dollars each.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted that said, corporation may choose such officers and pass such bylaws not repugnant to the laws of the state as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect the purposes of said corporation.

Sec. 4 And be it further enacted that said company are hereby authorized to purchase and hold real estate not exceeding in value the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and the same to dispose of at pleasure.

Sec. 5 And be it further enacted that the said Samuel Hale, Charles Cushing and John Salter or either two of them are authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation for the purpose of

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organizing the same agreeably to the provisions of this act by inserting notice of the time and place of said meeting and some newspapers printed in Portsmouth at least 15 days prior to the time of holding the same.

Sec. 6 And be it further enacted that hereafter in addressing public taxes, all shares which any person or corporation in this State may own in the stock of said company shall be valued in such manner as the shares and stock and other corporations of a similar nature are or maybe liable by law to be valued.

Sec. 7 And be it further enacted that in case the President or other principal officer of said corporation on application of the selectmen of any town in the State, shall refuse to neglect for the space of four days to furnish at the place of residents of such President or other principal officer an account in writing under oath of all the shares in the stock of said company, and their amount and value owned by any corporation inhabited or resident of any town in this state, whereof each applicants are selectman such President or other principal officer so refusing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay for every such offense. A sum not less than twenty dollars nor more than four hundred dollars, to be recovered by action debt in the name and for the use of the town where of such applicants are selecting.

Sec. 8 And be it further enacted that all shares or stock of said corporation not owned by any person or persons residing in this State or by anybody corporate not created by the laws of this state shall be taxed to said corporation in the town of Portsmouth at the same rate that such shares or stock would be taxed if owned by any person residing within the State. And it shall be the duty of the President or other principal officer of said corporation

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on application of one or more of the Selectmen of said Town of Portsmouth at any time in the month of April in each year, within four days from the time when such application may be made to give a just and true account in writing, under oath if required of all the shares or stock in said Corporation owned on the first day of such month of April by any person or persons not residing in this state, or by anybody corporate not created by the law of this State, and every such President or other principal officer neglecting or refusing to give such just and true account as a force said

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within the time before said shall forfeit and pay for every such offense a sum not less than \$20, no more than \$400 to be recovered by action of debt in the name and for the use of said Town of Portsmouth.

Sec. 9 And be it further enacted that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to empower said corporation to carry on any business except what shall appertain and be necessary and convenient to the making, having, using, keeping and repair or renewing a railway or railways and said Town of Portsmouth for the repairing of ships or vessels.

C. W. Atherton, speaker of the House of Representatives.

Jared A. Williams, President of the Senate

Samuel Dinsmore, Governor.

Approved July 4, 1833

State of New Hampshire Secretary's office July 5, 1833

The above is a true copy of the original act now on file in this office.

Signed, Ralph Metcalf, Secretary

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Voted That the rules, bylaws, regulations and votes as heretofore adopted by this association be adopted so far as they are applicable to the act of incorporation.

Voted That this meeting now proceed to the choice of officers for the government of said corporation, and that they be chosen by ballot. Whereupon

Samuel Hale, President

Charles Cushing

and John salter were elected Directors of Said corporation

and C.S. Toppan, the clerk of said corporation.

Voted That the Directors be a committee to report a set of bylaws for the government of the corporation at the adjourned meeting.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the first Tuesday in October next at 7 o'clock p.m., to meet at such place as the Directors may direct and that the stockholders be personally notified of said meeting.

Samuel Hale, Chairman

C.S. Toppan, Secretary

Portsmouth July 30, 1833

At a meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice given, by an adjournment of a meeting hold in July 30th. 1833, Mr. S. Hale, chairman of said meeting being absent, on motion, it was, voted that Charles Cushing be chairman Pro Tem of this meeting.

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Voted That this meeting will be adjourned to the 15th inst. at 7 o'clock to meet at the Railway Counting-room and that personal notice be given to the stockholders of said meeting.

Charles Cushing, chairman Pro. Tem.

C.S. Toppan Secretary

Portsmouth October 1, 1833

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At and adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice by vote of the last meeting, Mr. Hale, chairman of the meeting being absent on motion, it was voted that John S. Davis be chairman pro tem of this meeting.

Voted That this meeting be adjourned to the 31st October at 7 o'clock p.m. To meet at the counting room of the Railway Company, and that personal notice be given to the stockholders have said meeting.

J. S. Davis, chairman pro. tem.

C. S. Toppan, secretary.

Portsmouth October 15, 1833

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice, by vote of the last meeting, Mr. Hale, chairman of the meeting being absent, on motion, it was voted that Charles Cushing be chairman Pro. Tem. of this meeting. On motion it was

Voted that the following Articles of

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Rules and Regulations for the government of the Railway be adopted, viz.

Article 1 All applications for the use of the railway must be entered on the book kept by the agents for that purpose, but no vessel can be entered on the book unless she is in some port between New York and Eastport, or known to be on her passage to this port. Vessels are to be taken on in the order of application, and if the first on the list is not ready when the ways are prepared for her a reception, the next in order will take her place, and all not ready in their turn, forfeit their standing on the list, and can come in only at the foot of it, by making a new application.

Article 2 The Railway charges are as follows, viz.

For hauling up every vessel of 100 tons and over, / for this purpose, no vessel shall be considered as less than 100 tons burthen / 15 cents per ton, and for remaining on the ways five cents per ton, per day, for every day she may remain, Sundays public and stormy days, when no work is done, excepted. The agents to be the judge whether the weather is too stormy to work.

Article 3 All vessels having on board ballast or cargo, either or both

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exceeding 10 percent of their tonnage, will be charged for the excess in all cases as for additional tonnage of the vessel. And no vessel will be allowed to enter on the ways with an amount of ballast or cargo which the agent thinks objectionable.

Article 4 The Railway Company will not be accountable for any damage which a vessel may receive while on the ways, but the vessel will at all times be at the risk of her owners.

Article 5 Should any vessel from any imperfection or for repair of keel or shoe, her other cause, require extra blocking, or extra expense in getting her on the ways and securing her there properly, a corresponding extra charge will be made therefor.

Article 6 The owner of a vessel on the ways is to keep her blocked up a sufficient height to run out the cradle, and to let the chain pass under her keel, to take up, or let down another vessel, after having occupied the ways eight days, at his own expense, provided the cradle should be

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wanted, but if wanted before the expiration of eight working days for another vessel, the blocking and labor shall be done at the company's expense, meaning that eight working days shall be allowed the owner without any extra charge.

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Voted That this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday evening Nov. 12th at 7 o'clock to meet at the Counting Room of the Railway Company, and the same notice be given of said meeting as before.

Charles Cushing, Chairman pro tem

C.S. Toppan, Secretary

Portsmouth, October 31, 1833

At and adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice, by vote of the last meeting, Charles Cushing, chairman pro tem,

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 27th November 7 o'clock p.m. to meet at the counting room of the company, and that personal notice be given to the stockholders of said meeting.

Charles Cushing, chairman Pro tem

C.S Toppan, Secretary.

Portsmouth November 12th 1833

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice by vote of the last meeting.

Henry Ladd chairman Pro tem

John Salter, Secretary

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the 3rd Wednesday in December at 7 o'clock p.m. to meet at

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the counting house of the company and that personal notice be given to the stockholders.

Henry Ladd, chairman Pro tem

John Salter, Secretary Pro tem

Portsmouth 27 November 1833

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice by vote of last meeting.

John Salter, chairman pro tem

J.M. Tredick, Secretary pro tem

Voted That this meeting stand adjourned to Friday evening 20 inst. at 7 o'clock p.m. and that personal notice be given.

John Salter, chairman Pro tem

J.M. Tredick, Secretary pro tem

Portsmouth 18 December 1833

At an adjourned meeting of the stockholders held agreeable to notice by vote of the last meeting Samuel Hale, chairman.

A.W. Bell Jr., Clerk pro tem

Voted That the following bylaws be adopted:

Officers Article 1. The officers of the corporation shall

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consist of a board of three Directors, one of whom shall be designated as President and also of a clerk and treasurer, all of whom shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting, and shall hold their offices until others are elected in their stead.

Presiding officer Article 2. The President shall preside at all meetings, both of the stockholders and of the Directors when present, and when absent, a chairman pro tem shall be chosen to preside.

Annual meeting Article 3. There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders on the first Tuesday of April at such time and place as the Directors may determine for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

Special meetings Article 4. Special meetings of the corporation may be called at any time by order of the Directors, and it shall be the duty of the Directors to order a meeting of the Company at any time at the written requests of the proprietors of twenty-five

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shares and all meetings of the corporation, whether annual or special shall hereafter be called by leaving a written notice or printed notice thereof at the last and usual place of abode of the respective proprietors or by depositing said notice in the Portsmouth Post office at least seven days before said meeting.

Director's duties Article 5. The directors shall be authorized to supply all vacancies in the officers of the corporation, excepting those in their own board and to appoint and employ such agents and officers and such compensation as they may accompany, and to do and perform all matters and things relating to the well-ordering and conducting of the concerns of the corporation.

Raising funds. The directors shall have power to raise funds for the use of the company by sale of new shares provided the same be first offered to the stockholders and in case a sufficient number of new shares cannot be disposed at par to extinguish the debt which the company have contracted in constructing the railway, then in that case the directors are authorized to borrow on the credit of the company a

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sum of money sufficient to pay off the balance of said debt and to pledge, by deed of mortgage, the real estate of said company as collateral security for the payment of the same.

The Directors shall from time to time require of the agents statements of their respective doings, and shall cause them to pay into the Treasury all the company's profits and income, and shall require annual statements of the treasurer, and of all agents in season to examine them with vouchers in order to report there on, at the annual or other meetings of the stockholders.

Dividends. The director's shall have power to acclaim dividends of the profits of the business whenever they shall think proper provided however, that no dividend shall be made until the debts of the corporation shall be paid off.

Votes Article 6. In all meetings of the stockholders, each share shall be entitled to one vote, and a majority of the votes present shall be sufficient to decide any question or matter proposed, not relating to the bylaws. Proprietors not present may be represented by proxies authorized in writing.

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Treasurer Article 7. The treasurer shall give bonds in such sums and with such sureties as the Directors may require for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. He shall receive into his hands all the monies of the corporation and shall pay over the same to the order of the Directors. He shall keep a regular and correct account of all money's that may pay through his hands and render the same to the board of directors whenever requested to do

Clerk Article 8. The clerk on being elected shall forthwith be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. It shall be his duty to attend all meetings of the stockholders and to keep a true and faithful record of the votes and proceedings, which record shall be subject to their inspection at all reasonable times, and he shall keep the papers relating to said proceedings conveniently labeled and filed. It shall be his duty to issue the notices for all meetings of the stockholders ordered by the directors or required by the bylaws, to keep the seal of the company and to fix the same to all deeds, obligations, certificates of stock or other instruments of said company

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and to sign the same in his capacity of clerk when required by the directors. The clerk will also keep a record of the shares owned by each stockholder and of all transfer of stock.

Shares Article 9

The capital stock of the corporation shall be divided into shares of \$100 each and shall consist of as many shares not exceeding one thousand as may be necessary to effect the objects of the corporation. Each stockholder shall be entitled to receive a certificate for such share or shares as he may hold signed by the President and countersigned and sealed by the clerk, which certificate shall be numbered in progressive order, beginning with no. 1 and in the following form:

Portsmouth Marine Railway Company Dollar number.

Be it be known, that is proprietor _____ of _____ share in the capital stock of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company numbered _____ subject to the conditions set forth in the act of incorporation and the

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By laws of said company, and transferable by deed endorsed upon or annexed to the certificate and delivered therewith to the clerk of said company.

Seal In the witness whereof the seal of the corporation is here unto a fixed this ____ day of ____ Anno Domini 1830

attest _____ President

Clerk

Article 10 The seal of the corporation shall be a round plate representing a ship on the railway with the words "Portsmouth Marine Railway Company" inscribed around the margin.

Vacancy Article 11. In case a vacancy shall occur in the board of directors, it shall be the duty of the clerk to call a meeting of the stockholders to fill such vacancy.

Article 12 No alteration shall be made in the bylaws at any meetings which less than there fourths of the shares are represented.

Voted that J.M. Tredick be treasurer of this corporation.

Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

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Samuel Hale, chairman

A.W. Bell, clerk pro tem

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice April 1, 1834

Henry Ladd, chairman

Voted by ballot:

John Salter, clerk and treasurer

Voted Charles Cushing, President

Robert Rice

Ichabod Goodwin

be directors

Voted this meeting be adjourned to the first Tuesday in May at 3 o'clock p.m. and that notice be given to the stockholders

Henry Ladd, chairman

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth April 1st 1834

Then personally appeared Captain John Salter and made solemn oath that he would perform the duties as clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year according to the best of his abilities before me.

Thomas Folsom, Justice of Peace

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At an adjourned meeting held agreeable to notice by vote of last meeting

Charles Cushing, chairman

John Salter, clerk

Mr. Cushing, having declined serving as director, a new choice became necessary.

Where upon John T. Goddard was chosen director

Voted that Ichabod Goodwin be president

Voted the directors be a committee to negotiate with S.B. Lord for the purpose of building out their wharf to break off the tide.

Voted this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday 13th at 3 o'clock p.m. and that personal notice be given

Charles Cushing, chairman

John Salter, clerk

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At an adjourned meeting held agreeable to notice by vote of last meeting

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

Voted that an assessment of thirty dollars on each and every share be prepared and paid in ten days.

Voted that the treasurer obtain from the delinquent subscribers a note on interest dated at the time the second assessment was made for the amount of their second assessment.

Voted this meeting be adjourned to Tuesday 17th June next at 3 o'clock p.m.

Portsmouth 13th May 1834

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

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John Salter, clerk

At and adjourned meeting held agreeable to notice by vote of last meeting
Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

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Voted that this meeting be dissolved
Portsmouth 17 June 1834

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman
John Salter, clerk

At a special meeting held agreeable to notice
John T. Goddard, chairman pro tem

That the directors be authorized to collect the materials for the purpose of extending the rails farther out for the purpose of getting more water and have it done the coming year if found expedient.
Voted at an assessment of fifty dollars be assessed on each and every share payable the first of November next, unless the directors can in the meantime arrange for raising the money to pay off the debt of the corporation.

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Voted that John P. Lyman and J.M Tredick be auditors to examine the accounts.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved
Portsmouth 25 August 1835

John T. Goddard, chairman pro tem
John Salter, clerk

At a special meeting held agreeable to notice
John T. Goddard, chairman pro tem

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock the 12th of November

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John T. Goddard, chairman pro tem
John Salter, clerk

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At and adjourned meeting held agreeable to notice by a vote of last meeting

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

Voted that an assessment of \$20 on each and every share be paid on or before the first day of December next.

Voted that this meeting be Portsmouth 12 November 1834

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman
John Salter, clerk

Rockingham 8th April 1835 John Salter personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties as clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the year ensuing according to his best abilities.

Sam Cushman, Justice of Peace

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice
Samuel Hale, chairman pro tem

On reading the report made by the auditors on the agents' accounts, it was voted that the said report be accepted.

Voted that Ichabod Goodwin be president the coming year.

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Voted Ichabod Goodwin

Robert Rice

John T. Goddard

Directors for the coming year

Voted John Salter, clerk and treasurer for the coming year.

Voted that the treasurer be authorized to collect all outstanding debts due the railway of more than ninety days standing, by legal process if necessary

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Voted a committee of five be chosen to inquire what plan or plans shall be adopted to liquidate the debt of the Railway Company and report at an adjourned meeting.

Voted that Ichabod Goodwin

Robert Rice

John T. Goddard

Samuel Hale

Leonard Cotton

be the committee.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in May at 3 o'clock p.m. and that special notice be given.

Portsmouth 7 April 1835

Samuel Hale, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

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The subscribers appointed a committee to examine the accounts of John Salter, agent for the Portsmouth Marine disappointed Company, make the following report:

The bills charged on the first account up to November 11, 1834 for real estate, materials and in the construction of the railway, labor etc. being of large amount, much time has been spent in its examination. We have gone over all the calculations on each bill carefully and think we have given the whole account a thorough investigation. Every charge made we find were vouched and of such a nature as would naturally attach to an undertaking of this kind. Some errors have been found both in favor and against the company, of those in favor of the company which amount together to one hundred and six dollars and forty nine cents The large item \$100 may be found by comparing receipt no. 376 with a corresponding charge on the account. The remainder six dollars and forty nine cents were found in small sums on a number of bills. Of those against the company amounting to ten dollars and ninety nine cents are also found a number on a number of bills in small sums, which we think of no consequence in particular. The balance of errors is ninety five dollars and fifty five cents in favor of the company, which sum is credited by the agent in his account current. This account current we have

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also examined and find it correct. The balance remaining in the agent's hands Nov. 11, 1834 is \$628.55.

The amount owed by the company Nov. 11th 1834 is \$12,447.12 and is owed to the following persons:

Aaron Roberts	300
Ezra Dodge	154.37
S.B. Lord	74.48
G.W. Pendexter	213.32

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A.W. Bell Jr.	142.51
Bell & McClintock	61.92
John Newton	1000.00
Samuel Hale	1000.00
Town of Portsmouth	23.25
William Goddard	16.50
John Lock	93.11
John Newton Jr.	1036.19
Richard Jenness	42.72
V. Mathes	288.75
N.H. Union Bank	5000.00
Portsmouth Bank	3000.00
Total	12,447.12

This amount agrees with a memorandum of the debts shown us by the agent and having traced them from the origin, have no doubt of its correctness.

The number of shares subscribe for and claimed is ninety, up to November. \$130 has been assessed on each share or a total of \$11,700 of which sum \$10,950 has been actually paid. On looking over the register and receipts for certificates issued, we find shares numbered as high as 93.

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When assessments have been paid on 90 shares only, this is owing to a certificate having been made out for three shares in the name of E. Wheelwright, which shares he never claimed. They are numbered 85, 86, & 87. As the shares were to be numbered in regular progression commencing with no. 1, we recommend that the shares numbered above 90 be recalled and new certificates, the numbers to correspond with those designed for Mr. Wheelwright.

The second account commencing 11th November 1834 ending April 1st 1835, we have also examined, together with the account current accompanying the same. There we find correctly cast and well vouched. The balance remaining in the hands of the agent April 1st 1835 is \$230.83. The amount owed by the company as appears by the account April 1st 1835 is \$9,743.12 as follows to:

Aaron Roberts	300.
Ezra Dodge	154.37
V. Mathes	288.75
John Knowlton	1000.00
NH Union Bank	5000.00
Portsmouth Bank	3000.00
Total	9,743.12

Since November, an additional assessment of \$20 per share has been made. The account current shows what amount of stock

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remains unpaid and from whom it is due. A statement of debts owed to the company will also be made by the agent.

All of which is respectfully submitted, April 6th 1835

Signed. J.M. Tredick

John P. Lyman

A true copy from the original

John Salter, clerk

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At an adjourned meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice by a vote of last accounting

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

Voted that the agent be authorized to notify all delinquent stockholders that unless their assessments due are not paid, their stock will be sold at auction.

Voted at this meeting be adjourned.

Portsmouth for May 1835

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

John Salter, clerk

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At a special meeting held agreeable to notice,

Joseph Wilson, chairman pro tem

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday 17th of this month at 3 o'clock p.m. and that personal notice be given.

Portsmouth 3rd September 1835

Joseph Wilson, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

At an adjourned meeting held agreeable to vote of last meeting

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman.

Voted that this meaning be dissolved

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth 17th September 1835.

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice,

Wm. Rice, chairman pro tem

Voted that

Ichabod Goodwin

Robert Rice

John T. Goddard

Be directors for the coming year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer for the coming year.

Voted that

C. S. Toppan

Lewis Barnes

Ichabod Rollins

be a committee to examine the accounts of books of the agent.

Voted that any surplus funds of the company be appropriated to pay off the debt of the company.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the second Wednesday in May at 3 o'clock p.m.

Portsmouth 5th April 1836

Wm. Rice, chairman pro tem

John Salter, Clerk

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Rockingham 5. April 1836

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John Salter personally appeared and made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties as clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the year ensuing according to his best abilities.

Thomas Folsom, Justice of Peace

At the adjourned meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to a vote of last meeting

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

Voted that the report of the committee to examine the books of the company kept by the agent be accepted and copied in the books of records.

Voted that an assessment be made and collection on each and every share of \$20 to be paid every 3 months from the 1st day of May 1836 until the debt of the corporation be paid off.

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Voted that all delinquent shares on which assessments are now due to be sold at auction to the highest bidder to pay all the assessments and incidental charges at 1 o'clock on the 6th day of August, next, at the Athenaeum and at the sale be advertised in the Journal and Gazette at least 3 weeks previous to said sale, by the treasurer of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company. And also that the holders of the delinquent shares be notified of the intended sale by the treasurer by a written notice.

Voted that the directors be authorized to purchase all the delinquent shares advertised to be sold at auction on the 6th day of August on behalf of the company, provided the raised shares do not bring at auction the assessment, interest and all incidental charges that may be due on said shares on the 6th day of August.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

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Portsmouth 11th May 1836

Ichabod Goodwin,

John Salter, clerk

The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting "to examine the accounts and books of the agent hereby makes the following report" viz.

That the books of the agent for the company are properly kept that the trial balance of the books as exhibited shows a true statement of the company concerns, and that all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched .

Signed

C.S. Toppan

Lewis Barnes

Portsmouth May 1836

A true copy from the original on file

John Salter, clerk

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

John S. Davis, chairman pro tem

Voted that Ichabod Goodwin, President

Robert Rice

John T. Goddard

The directors for the coming year

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer

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Voted that C. S. Toppan, Lewis Barnes and Ichabod Rollins be a committee to examine the books and accounts kept by the treasurer and agent.

Voted at the following rules and regulations for the government of the railway be adopted. viz
The fees for hauling up vessels on the ways shall be 20 cents per ton, and six cents per ton per day for the use of the ways.

All fees to be charged on the register tonnage of vessels unless the contrary is agreed upon by the parties.

All vessels to be ready to leave the ways at high water during daylight. If launched after dark, and additional days, fee will be charged.

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All fees for the use of the railway shall be due the company when the vessel is launched and a discount of \$0.03 allowed if the bill is paid in 10 days.

Voted that the bill against the ship Pocahontas be collected forthwith either by suit or other ways.

Voted that the agent be directed to collect of T. Ferguson, Esquire the bill against the ship Augusta and owners.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday 28th day of June next at 3 o'clock p.m.

Portsmouth for April 1837

John S. Davis, President pro tem

John Salter, clerk

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At the adjourned meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to the vote of last meeting

John S. Davis, chairman pro tem

Voted that the report of the committee to examine the books of the company kept by the agent, be accepted and copied in the book of records

Voted that the assessment due on the first day of August next, the collection of which to be suspended.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Portsmouth 28th June 1837

John S. Davis, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting "to examine the accounts in books of the agent" hereby makes the following report. viz

That the books of the agent for the company are properly kept, that the trial balance of the books has exhibited shows a true statement of the company concerns, and that all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures

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are well vouched.

Signed. C. S. Toppan

Lewis Barnes

Ichabod Rollins, committee

Portsmouth 27 June 1837

A true copy from the original on file

John Salter, clerk

At a special meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company called agreeable to notice in consequence of a vacancy in the board of directors

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

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Voted that Samuel Hale be a director in the place of the late John T. Goddard, Esq.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

John Salter, chairman and clerk

Portsmouth 8th September 1837

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Ichabod Goodwin, chairman

Voted that Samuel Hale, President

Robert Rice and Lewis Barnes be directors for the coming year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer for the coming year.

Voted that Ichabod Rollins

William M. Shackford

A. W. Bell, Jr. be a committee to examine the books kept by the agent.

Voted that the directors be authorized to make such a tariff of rates for vessels under 100 tons as they may think for the interest of the stockholders.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Saturday 14th at 3 o'clock p.m.

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John Salter, chairman and clerk

Portsmouth 3. April 1838

At the adjourned meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to a vote of the last meeting

Sampson B. Lord, chairman pro tem

Voted that the report of the committee to examine the books kept by the agent be accepted

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

S. B. Lord, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth 14th April 1838

The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the accounts and books of the agent hereby report, viz.

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That the books of the agent for the company are properly kept, that the trial balance of the books as exhibited, shows a true statement of the company's concerns, and that all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth 9 April 1838

Signed, Ichabod Rollins

Andrew W. Bell

William M. Shackford, committee

A true copy from the original on file

John Salter, clerk

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held at their office agreeable to notice on Tuesday, April 2. 1839

Voted that Henry Ladd, chairman, Andrew W. Bell, Secretary.

Voted that the following the officers of the corporation for the ensuing year

Samuel Hale, President

Robert Rice

Lewis Barnes, Directors

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John Salter, clerk and treasurer

Voted that Ichabod Rollins and A. W. Bell be a committee to examine the accounts of the clerk and treasurer for the past year and be the auditors of accounts for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Henry Ladd, chairman

Andrew W. Bell Jr., Secretary

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At a meeting of the directors it was voted that a dividend of seven dollars per share on the capital stock be made out of the profits payable on the first day of April 1840.

Samuel Hale

Lewis Barnes

Robert Rice

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice.

Henry Ladd, chairman

Voted that following be the officers of the corporation for the ensuing year

Samuel Hale, President

Robert Rice

Lewis Barnes, directors

John Salter, clerk and treasurer

Voted at Ichabod Rollins and Andrew W. Bell Jr. be committee for the ensuing year to examine the accounts of the treasurer and clerk and make a report on the same.

Voted that the reports of the examining committee for the year 1839 and 1840 be accepted.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

John Salter, chairman and clerk

Portsmouth 7 April 1840

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The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the accounts and books of the agent hereby report, that the books of the agent for the company are properly kept, that the trial balance of the books as exhibited shows a true statement of the company's concerns, and that all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth June 5, 1839

Ichabod Rollins

Andrew W. Bell Jr., Committee

A true copy from the original on file

John Salter, clerk

The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the accounts and books of the agent hereby report, viz

That the books of the agent for the company are properly kept, that the trial balance of the books, as exhibited show a true statement of the company's concerns, and that all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth April 4th 1840

Ichabod Rollins

Andrew W. Bell, committee

A true copy from the original on file

John Salter, clerk

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, President pro tem

Voted the following gentleman be the officers of the corporation for the coming year

Samuel Hale, President

Robert Rice

Lewis Barnes, Directors

John Salter, clerk and treasurer

Voted that John Rice, J.M. Tredick be a committee for the ensuing year to examine the accounts of the treasurer and make a report on the same.

Voted that the report of the examining committee for the past year be accepted.

Voted at this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth 6 April 1841

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The committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the accounts in books of the agent hereby report, viz

That the books of the agent for the company are properly kept, that the trial balance as exhibited shows a true statement of the company's concerns and all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth 5 April 1841

Signed Ichabod Rollins

Andrew W. Bell Jr

A true copy from the original on file.

John Salter, clerk

At a meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, it was voted that a dividend of ten dollars per share on the capital stock be made out of the profits, payable on the 22nd of December 1841.

Portsmouth 21st December 1841

Samuel Hale, President

Robert Rice

Lewis Barnes, Directors

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At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

William Rice, chairman pro tem

Voted that Samuel Hale, President

Andrew Hussey

A. W. Bell

be the directors for the ensuing year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer.

Voted at the report of the examining committee be accepted.

Voted that John Rice, J.M. Tredick be a committee for the ensuing year to examine the accounts of the treasurer and make a report of the same.

Voted that the rates in future for hauling up vessels shall be twenty-five cents per ton and eight cents per ton per day while on the ways.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

----- chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

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Portsmouth 5 April 1842

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The subscribers a committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the books and accounts of the agent report, that the books of the company are properly kept, that the trial balance is exhibited shows a true statement of the company's concerns, and at all the entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth 5 April 1842.

Signed. J.M. Tredick, John Rice

A true copy from the original on file.

John Salter, clerk

At a meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, it was voted that a dividend of seventeen dollars per share on the capital stock be made out of the profits as soon as the bill against the ship Pactolus and owner is paid.

Portsmouth 20 December 1842.

Samuel Hale

Andrew Hussey

Andrew W. Bell

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, President pro tem

Voted that Lewis Barnes, President

Andrew Hussey

A.W. Bell

be directors for the ensuing year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasure for the ensuing year.

Voted at the report of the examining committee be accepted.

Voted that John Rice, J.M. Tredick the directors for the ensuing year.

Voted at this meeting be dissolved.

Portsmouth for April 1843.

Lewis Barnes, chairman pro tem

John Salter, clerk

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The subscribers, a committee appointed by the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the books and accounts of the agent, report that the books of the company are probably kept, that the trial balance has exhibited shows a true statement of the company's concerns and that all entries are correctly made and the expenditures well vouched.

Portsmouth 3 April 1843

John Rice

J. M. Tredick, committee

A true copy from the original on file.

John Salter, clerk

At a special meeting of the proprietors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice,

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that in consequence of few proprietors being present that this meeting be dissolved.

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Lewis Barnes, chairman
John Salter, clerk
Portsmouth 18 November 1843

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At a meeting of the directors it was voted at a dividend of four dollars per share be made on the capital stock out of the profits payable 5th day of January 1844.

Portsmouth 4th January 1844

Lewis Barnes
Andrew Hussey
Andrew W. Bell, Directors

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that Lewis Barnes, President

Andrew Hussey

Robert Rice be directors for the ensuing year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer.

Voted at the report of the auditors be accepted.

Voted that John Rice and J.M. Tredick be auditors for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman.

John Salter, Clerk.

Portsmouth 2nd April 1844

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The subscriber one of the committees appointed by the stockholders of the Marine Railway corporation at their annual meeting to examine the books and accounts of the agent report, that the above balance sheet exhibits a true statement of the concerns of the company, that the books of the company are properly kept and the expenditure is properly vouched.

Portsmouth March 30, 1844

Signed, J. M. Tredick

At the annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice,

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted at the report of the auditors be accepted.

Voted that Lewis Barnes President

Andrew Hussey

Ichabod Goodwin be directors for the coming year.

Voted that John Salter be clerk and treasurer for the coming year.

Voted that Wm. H. Rollins and Henry P. Salter be auditors for the coming year.

Voted at this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth 1 April 1845

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The undersigned, appointed by the stockholders of the Marine Railway Company at their annual meeting to examine the books and accounts of the agent, report

That the above balance sheet exhibits a true statement of the concerns of the company, that the books of the company are properly kept and the expenditures properly vouched.

Portsmouth 31 March 1845

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Signed John Rice
J. M. Tredick

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice,
Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to take the subject of making alterations in the railway track into consideration to ascertain the probable cost of the work. Also to ascertain if it would be for the interest of the Company to make any alteration, and if any, what, and the said committee to make their report to the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

Voted that I. Goodwin, Andrew Hussey, Ichabod Rollins, John Salter and C. S. Toppan and be the above committee.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved

Lewis Barnes, chairman

John Salter, clerk

30 September 1845

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock p.m.

-----, chairman

John Salter, clerk

Portsmouth 7 April 1846

At the adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to a vote passed yesterday at the annual meeting,

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that the verbal report of the committee that was appointed at the special meeting on the 30 September that it was inexpedient to make any alterations.

Voted at the report of the auditors be accepted.

Voted Lewis Barnes, President

I. Goodwin and Andrew Hussey be directors for the ensuing year.

Voted that Andrew Hussey be clerk and treasurer.

Voted that the fees for taking up ships on the railway be in future twenty five cents per ton for hauling up and eight cents per ton per day while on the ways during fair weather.

Voted at this meeting be now dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth April 8th, 1846

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Andrew Hussey appointed agent by directors.

Portsmouth April 10th 1846

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Rockingham April 9th A.D. 1847

Then personally appeared Andrew Hussey and solemnly made oath that he would faithfully discharge the duties of clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year according to the best of his abilities.

Before me

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Wm. H. Rollins, Justice of the Peace

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that Lewis Barnes, President

Ichabod Goodwin

& Andrew Hussey be directors for the ensuing year.

Voted that Andrew Hussey be Clerk and treasurer.

Voted that Samuel E. Coues and Henry H. Ladd be auditors for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth 6 April 1847

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At a special meeting of the proprietors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice, September 16th

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted that as it is expedient to improve the power to draw up vessels upon the Portsmouth Marine Railway, the corporation expend the sum of two thousand dollars in putting up a steam engine and boilers with shafting suitable for the purpose of drawing up vessels on the railway provided the brick building belonging to the corporation and the engine can be rented to some person who will pay an annual rent of not less than \$450 and haul up all the vessels which the corporation may desire to haul up on their railway and the same not to be leased for less than 5 years.

Voted that the directors be requested to ascertain whether a lease can be made up on the terms above named and report then on to this meeting at an adjournment thereof.

Voted to adjourn to Thursday the 23rd inst. at 3 o'clock p.m.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth September 16th 1847

At the adjourned meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to the vote of the last meeting

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth 23rd September 1847

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted by ballot that Lewis Barnes

Ichabod Goodwin

Andrew Hussey be directors the ensuing year.

Voted by ballot that Andrew Hussey be clerk.

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham, April 4th A. D. 1848

Here personally appeared Andrew Hussey and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform all the duties of clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year according to the best of his abilities.

Before me, James W. Emery, Justice of the Peace.

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Voted by ballot and chose
Andrew Hussey, treasurer
Voted and chose Henry H. Ladd and Samuel E. Coues auditors of accounts than suing year.
Voted that this meeting be dissolved.
Lewis Barnes, chairman
Andrew Hussey, clerk
Portsmouth for April 1848

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Voted by ballet and chose

C. S. Toppan, President

William H. Rollins and

Andrew Hussey, director of the ensuing year.

Voted that the report be accepted.

Voted by ballot and chose Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham April 3 A. D. 1849

Then personally appeared Andrew Hussey and made out that he would faithfully and impartially perform all the duties of clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year according to the best of his abilities.

Before me James W. Emery, Justice of the Peace

Voted that Alexander Ladd and Jay. M. Tredick be auditors of accounts for the ensuing year.

Voted that

this meeting be dissolved.

Lewis Barnes, chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth 3 April 1849

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At the annual meeting of the proprietors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice given to the stockholders

C. S. Toppan, chairman

The treasurer of the company having presented the account and statements of the affairs of the company on motion, it was voted that the treasurer's accounts and statements be accepted.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year whereupon,

C. S. Toppan, President

William H. Rollins

Andrew Hussey were chosen the president and directors for the ensuing year.

Andrew Hussey was chosen clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

State of New Hampshire Rockingham, Portsmouth April 2 A.D. 1850

Then personally appeared Andrew Hussey and made oaths that he would faithfully and impartially perform all the duties of the clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year according to the best of his abilities..

Before me, William H. Rollins, Justice of the Peace.

J. M. Tredick and Henry P. Salter were chosen auditors for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

-----Chairman,

Andrew Hussey, clerk

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At the end or meeting of the proprietors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

Samuel Hale, Esquire, Chairman pro tem

Voted by ballot and chose. C. S. Toppan, President, William H. Rollins and Andrew Hussey directors for the ensuing year.

Voted by ballot and chose Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted that the auditors' report be accepted.

Voted that J. M. Tredick and Henry P. Salter be auditors of accounts for the ensuing year.

Voted at this meeting be dissolved.

Samuel Hale, Esq., chairman pro tem

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth April 4th 1851

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice

John Harratt, Chairman pro tem

Voted by ballot and chose J. M. Tredick, President

W. H. Rollins

Andrew Hussey

directors for the ensuing year.

Voted and chose Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer.

Voted that the auditor's report be accepted.

Voted that C. S. Toppan and Leonard Cotton be auditors for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

John Harratt, Chairman pro tem

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth April 4, 1852

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice.

Jonathan M. Tredick, Chairman

Voted by ballot and chose Tredick, President

William H. Rollins, Andrew Hussey, Directors for the ensuing year.

Voted by ballot and chose Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted that the auditor's report the accepted.

Voted that C. S. Toppan and Leonard Cotton be auditors for the ensuing year.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

J. M. Tredick, Chairman.

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth April 4th 1853

At the meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, it was voted that a dividend of six dollars per share on the Capital stock be made out of the profits payable on the 5th of November 1853.

Portsmouth the 4th October 1853.

J. M. Tredick, President.

Andrew Hussey.

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At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company held agreeable to notice.

Jonathan Tredick, Chairman

Voted by ballot and chose J. M. Tredick, President.

William H. Rollins and Andrew Hussey directors for the ensuing year.

Voted by ballot and chose Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer for the ensuing year.

Voted that C. S. Toppan and Leonard Cotton be auditors for the ensuing year.

Whereas the machinery of the company is not sufficient for vessels larger than 650 tons therefore Voted that the directors have liberty to bargain with owners of ships in regard to their expenses hauling up not to receive less than the customary fees.

Voted that this meeting be dissolved.

Chairman

Andrew Hussey, clerk.

Portsmouth April 4th 1854

At the meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, it was voted that a dividend of five dollars per share on the Capital stock be made out of their profits payable on the 6th of April 1854.

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A meeting of the directors was holden on the first day of January. A. D. 1855.

Present Messrs. Tredick, Hussey and Rollins.

Voted that it is expedient to repair the track and cradle immediately.

Voted that William Pettigrew be employed to make the repairs.

Adjourned.

J. M. Tredick, President

Andrew Hussey, clerk

A meeting of the directors was holden at the office of W. H. Rollins on the 17th day of January A. D. 1855 at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Present Messrs. Tredick, Hussey and Rollins.

Voted that the treasurer will be instructed to hire for four months, such sum of money as may be necessary to pay the bills we have incurred in the recent repairs, not exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars and that he be authorized to give the note of the company therefore.

Adjourned.

J. M. Tredick, President

Andrew Hussey, clerk

A meeting of the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company was holden at the office of W. H. Rollins on the 27th day of February A. D. 1855 at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Present Messrs. Tredick, Hussey and Rollins.

Voted that the treasurer be instructed to hire of the Rockingham Bank one thousand five hundred dollars and to give therefore the note of this Company payable on demand.

Voted that the treasurer being instructed to use so much of the money thus obtained as may be necessary in taking up the note for \$800 recently given to said bank and to use the balance and paying debts now due so far as it is needed.

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Voted to adjourn.

J. M. Tredick, President

Andrew Hussey, clerk

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The annual meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company was holden at their counting room on the third day of April A. D. 1855 at 3 o'clock p.m. agreeable to notice previously given.

The President being absent, Lewis Barnes was chosen Chairman pro tem

Voted to adjourn to the tenth instant at 3 o'clock p.m. at this place.

April 10th 1855 3 p.m.

Met according to adjournment.

Voted to proceed to the choice of officers.

Voted by ballot and elected

Jonathan M. Tredick, President, Andrew Hussey and William H. Rollins, Directors.

Voted by ballot and elected

Andrew Hussey, clerk and treasurer and he was duly sworn.

Voted that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the present condition of the affairs of this company and report what course in their opinion be expedient.

Jonathan M. Tredick, Samuel Hale, William L. Dwight appointed said committee.

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Voted that said committee have power to fill vacancies.

Voted that the directors be authorized to take all necessary steps to prosecute to a conclusion, to settle or compromise the libel bought by this company against the Barque Mary Hannah.

Voted that the directors the authorized to settle with Mr. Kelley for the damage done by him to our cradle and ways, or to sue him for said damage if it may be necessary.

Voted that when this meeting adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday the first day of May next at 3 o'clock p.m.

State of New Hampshire, Rockingham, April 10th A. D. 1855

Then personally appearing Andrew Hussey solemnly made oath that he would faithfully and impartially discharged the duties of clerk of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company for the ensuing year.

Before me

William H. Rollins, Justice of the Peace

Adjourned

Attest

Portsmouth April 10th 1855

Andrew Hussey, clerk

May 1 A.D. 1855 met according to adjournment

President in the chair.

The clerk being absent chose W. H. Rollins, clerk pro tem.

The committee appointed at the annual meeting reported as follows,

The undersigned committee appointed to devise what measures should in their opinion be adopted by the proprietors of the Marine Railway

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offer the following report:

Finding upon examination that the track is much broken and out of repair and at the expense of putting it in order so as to be capable of doing the work it was originally designed to do, would amount to several thousand dollars and as funds cannot be raised by assessments but only by creating new shares agreeably to the bylaws which cannot be changed excepting by a majority of the stockholders upon a representation of three fourths of the stock and as the corporation is in debt to the amount of nearly two thousand dollars which some sum must likewise be raised in addition to the amount which would be required for repairs and believing this impracticable, we advise the stockholders to sell out to any individual or company which might be formed, all the property and privileges, excepting the corporate rights reserving this and prosecuting the suit

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against the Barque Mary Hannah for damages to the ways, should the directors be unable to come to any settlement with the owners or underwriters of said Bark agreeably to authority given them at the meeting of the stockholders held on the 10th April 1855.

Should a settlement be made with the owners or others of the Bark Mary Hannah, we recommend the appointment of trustees in whose name as such, all the shares can be transferred for sale, thereby, securing to the purchasers all the privileges now existing and belonging to the corporation. If neither of the foregoing propositions can be carried into effect even by making the payments easy with sufficient security, we think it advisable to abandon the ways, break up and sell to the best advantage.

To carry out the views expressed herein we subjoin the following resolutions:

Signed, Samuel Hale

W. L. Dwight

J. M. Tredick

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Resolves accompanying report

1. Resolved if the suit against the Bark Mary Hannah be prosecuted to judgment that the directors be authorized to sell the property belonging to the corporation.

2. Resolved if the settlement is made with the owners of the Bark Mary Hannah that the directors be authorized to appoint trustees into whose name as such all certificates of stock can be transferred for sale.

3. Resolved if a purchaser cannot be found, the directors be authorized to abandon the ways, break up and sell to the best advantage.

The report was accepted and it was voted that this meeting stand adjourned to the 15th day of May instant at this place and that the clerk be instructed to call a new meeting at said time and place to see whether the recommendations of the committee shall be adopted.

The stockholders is being duly notified met on the 15th day of May A. D. 1855 at 3 o'clock p.m. at the railway counting room.

The president being absent, Leonard Cotton was chosen Chairman pro tem, the clerk being absent Rollins was chosen clerk pro tem.

Voted that the directors be instructed to advertise this railway for sale in the Portland Argus, Newburyport Herald and the Portsmouth Journal for two months.

Voted that the directors be authorized to sell at not less than \$6,000 but that if any less price be offered they can call another meeting of the stockholders.

Voted that this meeting been adjourned to the 14th day of July, next at 10 a.m. at this place.

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I hereby certify that on the twenty ____ day of July A.D. 1855, I caused to be left at the last and usual place of the abode of such stockholders as are resident in Portsmouth, a printed notice of which the following: I also placed in the Port office at Portsmouth on the same day, printed notices addressed to each of the stockholders resident out of Portsmouth, of which the following is also a copy:

Portsmouth Marine Railway Company

Sir, you are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their counting room in Portsmouth on Friday the third day of August. A. D. 1855.

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I hereby certify that the 24th day of July A. D. 1855 printed notices of which the following is a true copy were left at the last and usual places of abode of all the stockholders who are resident in Portsmouth and that on the same day I placed in the Port office at said Portsmouth printed notices of which the following is also a true copy addressed each of the other stockholders at their places of residents.

Andrew Hussey, clerk.

Portsmouth Marine Railway Company.

Sir: you are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company at their Counting Room in Portsmouth on Friday the 3rd day of August A. D. 1855 at 11 o'clock a.m.,

To see whether the stockholders will vote to sell the property of the corporation, and in what manner it shall be sold.

To see whether the stockholders will authorize the directors to execute proper conveyances of said property.

To see whether the stockholders will lay an assessment to pay the debts now due.

Andrew Hussey, clerk

Portsmouth July 23 1855

A true copy,

Attest,

Andrew Hussey, clerk.

Pursuant to the above notice, the stockholders met at the Counting Room on the third day of August. A. D. 1855 at 11 of the clock in the forenoon.

The president being absent, Lewis Barnes was chosen, chairman pro tem.

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The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas the size of ships built and owned at this port has very much increased since the Portsmouth Marine Railway was constructed, thereby rendering the machinery of said railway inadequate to draw up ships of the present time, and whereas it has become necessary to make costly repairs on said railway in order to make it capable to draw up a ship or vessel of any size, which repairs the proprietors of the railway do not appear willing to make on account of the small income derived from said railway, and whereas further the demand of any railway has almost entirely ceased or been superseded by use of the docks for repairing ships, therefore voted:

That the directors of the Portsmouth Marine Railway Company or a majority of said directors have full power to sell said Marine Railway or cause it to be sold at public auction together with the wharf and all the real estate and buildings on the same, now owned by said Portsmouth Marine Railway Company, together with all the machinery and fixtures used for drawing up ships or vessels on said railway and to give a deed of the same to any person or persons who may purchase the same. Conveying all the right title and interest which said Railway company has to the property sold, the whole to be sold to the highest bidder in one lot on Saturday the 18th day of August instant at 12 o'clock noon on the premises, to be paid for in cash by the purchaser or one quarter part of the purchase money in cash and the balance in equal payments of 6, 12, 18 months with interest and secured by mortgage on the premises sold at the option of the purchaser.

Voted that immediately after the sale of said railway, the scow or gondola used for driving piles with all the fixtures belonging to said scow or pile driver be also sold to the highest bidder for cash on delivery.

Voted that the property be advertised in the New Hampshire Gazette, Portsmouth Journal and Daily Chronicle for

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sale agreeably to the vote of the company.

Voted that if \$3,000 be not bid then the railway be not sold but that it be broken up and the material sold.

Voted that this meeting be now dissolved.

Andrew Hussey, clerk

A meeting of the directors was held at the office of William H. Rollins on the 27th day of August A. D. 1856 at 11 o'clock a.m.

Present Messrs. Tredick and Rollins

William H. Rollins was chosen Secretary pro tem

It appearing on an examination of the accounts that there is now nine hundred and seventy nine dollars on hand, it was voted that a dividend of eleven dollars per share be now declared payable immediately.

A true record,

William H. Rollins, clerk pro tem

The meeting of the directors was held at the office of William H. Rollins on the 26th day of February 8th. 1857 at 12 o'clock noon.

Present Messrs. Tredick and Rollins.

The notes of Leonard Cotton secured by mortgage having been paid, the mortgage was this day discharged.

It appearing that the amount now in hands is twelve hundred and thirty four dollars and one cent, it was

Voted that two dollars and one cent be paid for making out the dividend sheet and that a dividend and fourteen dollars per share be now declared payable tomorrow.

Adjourned.

William H. Rollins, clerk pro tem

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