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No. 45.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN.

AN ACT to provide for the Descent of Intestate Estates of and to Illegitimates, and also to repeal sections three and four of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Sections three and four of chapter seventy-five 2 of the Revised Statutes are hereby repealed and 3 the following enacted in lieu thereof:

An illegitimate child born after March 24th, A.
5 D. 1864, is the heir of his parents who intermarry.
6 And any such child, born at any time, is the heir
7 of his mother. And *provided* the father of an

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8 illegitimate child adopts him or her into his family, 9 or in writing acknowledges before some justice of 10 the peace or notary public, that he is the father, 11 such child is also the heir of his or her father. 12 And in either of the foregoing cases such child and 13 its issue shall inherit from its parents respectively 14 and from their lineal and collateral kindred, and 15 these from such child and its issue, the same as if 16 legitimate.

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, Clerk.