

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1873.

Chapter 88.

An act to promote immigration and facilitate the settlement of the public lands.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be a board of immigration in this state composed of the governor, secretary of state, and land agent.

Board of immigration.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said board to appoint a commissioner of immigration, an agent resident in New Sweden, and to exercise a general supervision over the expenditure of all moneys appropriated by this act.

Commissioner and agent, appointment of.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of said commissioner to exercise a general care and oversight over all immigrants coming to Maine ; to give them all needful information, to assist them in settling upon the public lands of the state, or obtaining employment within its borders, and to have special charge of the colony at New Sweden, to the end that its development and prosperity may be promoted in every way consistent with law ; and the compensation and entire expenses of said commissioner shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars. And it shall be the duty of said agent, resident in New Sweden, to have special charge of the state storehouse, stores, tools, and all other state property there, to receive and disburse all state supplies, and keep proper accounts and vouchers therefor ; and the compensation of said agent shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars.

Commissioner, duties of.

—compensation and expenses of.

Agent, duties of.

—compensation of.

SECT. 4. The board aforesaid may, if in its opinion the circumstances require it, expend for provisions, tools, seed, and other necessary aid to be furnished the colonists, and for which payment may be taken in labor on the roads, public buildings, and other

Board may expend certain amount for aid and schools.

CHAP. 89.

public works, an amount not exceeding four thousand dollars, and for schools two hundred dollars.

Immigrants,
settlement of.

Assignment of
land to.

Title to land,
how granted.

Proviso.

Immigrants
exempt from
taxation till
January, 1876.

Governor to draw
warrants for sums
specified in this
act.

Inconsistent acts
repealed.

SECT. 5. The board aforesaid may cause all immigrants arriving under the provisions of this act to be settled on any of the public lands of the state not otherwise appropriated, and assign to each man over twenty-one years of age, by certificate from the land agent, a lot of one hundred acres of land; and the land agent shall, at the expiration of five years from the date of said assignment, grant each of the persons aforesaid, or his heirs at law, a deed of warranty or other valid title of the lot assigned him; *provided*, each of said persons has established his residence on the lot assigned him, has built a comfortable house thereon, and has cleared not less than fifteen acres of land within the time aforesaid, ten of which shall be laid down to grass; and all said persons shall be exempt from state taxation until January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

SECT. 6. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury for any of the sums specified in this act.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 26, 1873.

Chapter 89.

An act authorizing justices of the peace to administer oaths and affirmations.

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

Justices of the
peace may ad-
minister oaths,
&c.

SECT. 1. Justices of the peace may administer oaths or affirmations in all cases in which an oath is required, unless a different provision is expressly made by law.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 26, 1873.

Chapter 90.

An act to amend section sixteen of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, relating to birds.

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

Orioles, protec-
tion of.

Section sixteen of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "sparrows," in the