

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 203. "September," in the second line, the words 'the thirtieth day of May,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Courts not to be held on certain days.

'No court shall be held on Christmas day, the fourth of July, second Monday of September, thirtieth day of May, or any day designated for choice of president and vice-president of the United States, or for the annual fast or thanksgiving; and when the time fixed for a term of said court falls on either of said days it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes.'

Sec. 76, ch. 81, R. S., amendment of.

SECT. 3. Section seventy-six of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding after the word "thanksgiving," in the third line, the words 'thirtieth day of May,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Persons exempt from arrest on certain days.

'No person shall be arrested in a civil action, or mesne process, or execution, or on a warrant for taxes, on the fourth day of July, Christmas day, or the day of annual fast, thanksgiving, or thirtieth day of May; and no officer or soldier who is required by law to attend a military training, inspection, review or election, shall be arrested on any such process on such days.'

Approved February 28, 1874.

Chapter 203.

An act to continue in force chapter ninety-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, providing pensions for disabled soldiers and seamen.

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

Ch. 98, public laws 1873, to continue in force.

SECT. 1. That the provisions of chapter ninety-eight, public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, are hereby continued in force from the thirty-first day of December, except as herein-after amended.

Sec. 2, act of 1871, amendment of.

SECT. 2. Section two of the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, hereby continued in force, is amended by inserting after the word "age," in the second line, the words 'or orphan minor children over twelve years of age, who are partially or totally disabled by accident or chronic sickness,' and after the word "dependent," 'parent,' so that the whole section as amended shall read as follows :

Certain relatives of deceased soldiers or seamen entitled to pensions.

'SECT. 2. The widow, during her widowhood, orphan children under twelve years of age, orphan minor children, over twelve years of age, who are partially or totally disabled by accident or chronic sickness, or the dependent parent or sister of any soldier or seaman, deceased from wounds or injury sustained in the

service while in the line of duty, are entitled to the same pension as provided in section one, and under similar conditions; *provided*, that no more than eight dollars per month be paid one family.' **CHAP. 204.**

Proviso.

SECT. 3. The commission created by chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the resolves of eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and continued in force by successive resolves, is hereby abolished, and all the records of said commission are transferred to the department of the adjutant general, and the board of guardians of indigent orphans is required to turn over to the state treasurer the unexpended funds in their hands.

Commission created by ch. 178, resolves 1867, abolished.

Certain funds to be turned over to state treasurer.

SECT. 4. No soldier who has served by enlistment in the army or navy of the United States, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and in consequence of injury sustained in said service, may become dependent upon any city or town in this state, shall (not) be considered a pauper, or subject to disfranchisement for that cause.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 28, 1874.

Chapter 204.

An act additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever any railroad corporation within this state which has commenced receiving tolls, has or shall hereafter neglect or refuse to regularly run trains upon and operate its road for the transportation of passengers and freight for the space of sixty days at any one time, the railroad commissioners of this state, or any ten citizens residing in any county through which said railroad extends, may petition the supreme judicial court in any county through which such railroad extends, setting forth therein such neglect and refusal to so run trains and operate its road; which petition, before entry in court, may be presented to any justice of the court in term time or vacation, who shall order not less than fourteen days' notice thereon to be served on such corporation. The petitioners shall give written notice to the attorney general or the county attorney of the county in which said petition is filed, of the filing thereof, one of whom shall appear and take charge of proceedings in court. The court shall appoint a hearing, and at or after said hearing, if the allegations in such petition are found to be true, and if in the opinion of the court public necessity and convenience require it, shall appoint some suitable person

Order of notice to be served on railroad corporations neglecting to run trains.

Notice to be given to attorney general.

Court shall appoint a hearing.