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## Chapter 45.

An act to enable the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine, to remove, re-build, or repair St. James' Parish Church of Oldtown.

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

Repair or re-building of church, authorized.

SECT. 1. Henry A. Neely, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Maine, or his successor in said office, seized in fee and in trust of the lot and building known as the St. James' Parish church and lot, situated in the town of Oldtown and county of Penobscot, is hereby authorized and empowered to repair, or to take down and re-build, the said building commonly called the St. James' Episcopal church, *provided*, that all such repairing, taking down, and re-building, shall be done without any assessment, or charge for the same, upon any pews in said building, or against the owners or holders of pews therein.

Claim for loss or damage, how adjusted.

SECT. 2. Any person having a vested right in the whole, or any part of a pew or pews in said building, who shall deem himself to have suffered any loss or damage, by reason of any repairs, re-building or other alteration made in said building under the authority given by this act, shall make written application to the supreme judicial court sitting in, and for said county, setting forth therein the nature and amount of his claim for loss or damage as aforesaid, and requesting said court to cause that justice be done in the premises, and said court may order sufficient notice of said claim to be given to said bishop, and after due hearing thereon, may appoint a commissioner to hear all parties interested in said application, and said commissioner after giving such notice as said court may order, of the time and place fixed upon by him for a hearing upon said claim, shall proceed to hear said parties and determine what, if any damage is due to said claimant by reason of the repair or alteration aforesaid, and shall report such decision to said court, and the subsequent proceedings upon said commissioner's report shall be the same as upon reports of referees appointed by said court.

Limitation of claim for damage or loss.

SECT. 3. No claim for damage or loss mentioned in the foregoing section shall be maintainable unless the same be made to said court as provided in the act within six years from the day on which actual work is begun in making the repairs or alterations above mentioned.