

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED OCTOBER 22, 1840;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

United States and of the State of Maine,

AND TO WHICH ARE SUBJOINED THE OTHER

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1840 AND 1841,

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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1841.

SECT. 22. No prosecuting officer shall discontinue any legal process commenced, or to be commenced, under the provisions of this chapter, except by direction of the court, before which the same may be pending.

CHAP. 37.

Process not to be discontinued, without leave of court. 1835, 193, § 1. Licenses heretofore granted, valid.

SECT. 23. All licenses heretofore granted shall retain the same validity, according to the conditions thereof, as if this chapter had not been enacted.

CHAPTER 37.

OF PREVENTING ABUSES IN DISTILLING STRONG LIQUORS.

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| 3. Assay masters, and their duties. | |

SECTION 1. No person shall distil or draw off any spirit or strong liquors, through leaden heads, worms or pipes.

Leaden worms or pipes, prohibited. 1821, 29, § 1.

SECT. 2. No brazier, pewterer, or other artificer, shall make any worm or head for distilling, of coarse and base pewter, or such as has any mixture of lead in it.

Not to be made of base pewter. 1821, 29, § 2.

SECT. 3. Every town, in which the distilling trade is carried on, may at the annual meeting thereof, choose two or more assay masters, who shall be duly sworn, and whose business it shall be to inspect and try such heads and worms, as they may suspect to be illegally made; and if found to be made of lead or other base metal, on trial, they shall give notice thereof to the distiller; and he shall not make any further use of them in distilling.

Assay masters, and their duties. 1821, 29, § 3.

SECT. 4. Assay masters or inspectors, chosen as aforesaid, are empowered to enter into any still house, or place where suspected utensils are used or kept, and cut off so much, as may be needful to make the assay; and every distiller shall be bound to produce a certificate from the assay master for the time being, for all pewter heads and worms, which they use for distilling, that they have been tried, approved and marked; for marking which a stamp shall be prepared by the town; for which certificate, they shall be allowed by the distiller or owner of the heads and worms, one dollar; and such certificate shall be entered in the town clerk's books; whose fee therefor shall be ten cents.

Powers of assay masters. 1821, 29, § 4.

SECT. 5. Any of the persons, mentioned in the first, second or third section, who shall neglect to perform the duties required of them, or who shall violate any of the prohibitions in either of said sections, shall forfeit the sum of three hundred dollars; one half to the town, where the offence is committed, and the other half to the person, who shall inform and sue for the same.

Recovery of forfeitures. 1821, 29, § 1, 2, 4.