

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED APRIL 17, 1857;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

BANGOR:
WHEELER & LYNDE.

1857.

have had from the estate. The court may, on her application, hear and decide upon the rights, according to the course of chancery proceedings.

SEC. 10. When a married woman comes from any other state or country, and remains in this state, without living with her husband, she may make contracts, dispose of property, sue and be sued, as if unmarried. When her husband comes and claims his marital rights, her contracts and suits shall be affected the same as if they were then first married.

SEC. 11. The administrator of a deceased married woman, whose husband survives, may pay all reasonable expenses occasioned by her last sickness.

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R. S., c. 87,
§ 31.Wife coming
from another
state without
her husband;
powers.R. S., c. 87,
§ 32, 33.Expenses of
last sickness
paid from her
estate.

1856, c. 251.

CHAPTER 62.

MASTERS, APPRENTICES AND SERVANTS.

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SEC. 1. Children, under the age of fourteen years, may be bound as apprentices or servants until that age, without their consent, by their father, if living; and if not, by their mother or legal guardian; and if they have no parent or guardian, they may bind themselves, with the approbation of the municipal officers of the town where they reside.

Binding of
minors under
14 years of age.
R. S., c. 90, § 1.

SEC. 2. Minors, above the age of fourteen years, may be bound in the same manner, with their consent, which shall be distinctly expressed in the indenture signed by them; females to the age of eighteen years, or to the time of their marriage within that age, and males to the age of twenty-one years.

Binding of
minors above
the age of 14.
R. S., c. 90, § 2.

SEC. 3. No minor of any age shall be thus bound, unless by an indenture of two parts, signed, sealed, and delivered by both parties; and when the minor binds himself, by the consent of the municipal officers, such consent shall be in writing, signed by them on each part of the indenture.

Indentures in
such cases.
13 Maine, 151.
R. S., c. 90, § 3.

SEC. 4. One part of the indenture shall be kept by the master or mistress, to whom the minor is bound, and the other part, by the parent or guardian for the use of the minor; and when made by the consent of the municipal officers as aforesaid, it shall be deposited with the town clerk.

By whom in-
dentures shall
be kept.
R. S., c. 90, § 4.

SEC. 5. All considerations, allowed by the master or mistress in any contract of service or apprenticeship, shall be secured by the indenture, to the sole use of the minor; and paid to

Consideration,
how secured.
R. S., c. 90, § 5.

CHAP. 62. him without any control on the part of the parent or guardian at any time.

Indentures to be binding.
R. S., c. 90, § 6.

SEC. 6. All indentures, made as herein prescribed, shall be binding in law against all parties thereto.

Void on the death of the master.
R. S., c. 90, § 7.

SEC. 7. No indenture between any minor, his parent or guardian, and any master or mistress, or their executors and administrators, shall be binding on such minor, parent, or guardian, after the death of such master or mistress; but the indenture shall be deemed void from that time.

Minor not to be transferred, &c.
R. S., c. 90, § 8.

SEC. 8. A minor thus bound shall not be transferable to another person, nor transported out of the state by his master or mistress.

Remedies of parties same as provided in § 15, 18, 19, of c. 24.
R. S., c. 90, § 9, 10, 11.

SEC. 9. Parents and guardians, parties to such indenture, and municipal officers assenting thereto, may have like remedies, and proceedings, as are provided for overseers of the poor in behalf of minors, by section fifteen of chapter twenty-four, and the master or mistress the like remedies and proceedings as are provided in sections eighteen and nineteen of the same chapter.