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Sheriffs shall be elected or appointed, and hold their Election or Sec. 1. offices according to the provisions of the constitution, and their appointment; oath and bond. election shall be effected and determined as is provided respect- 1856, c. 210 ing county commissioners by chapter seventy-eight, and they and 258. shall enter upon the discharge of official duty on the first day of § 1. January following. Every person elected or appointed sheriff shall be duly sworn; and if, for either of the counties of York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Kennebec, or Penobscot, within sixty days after receiving his commission or being notified of his election, shall give bond to the treasurer of state, with at least three sufficient sureties, in the sum of forty thousand dollars; and if, for either of the other counties, in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and to answer for all neglects and misdoings of his deputies.

SEC. 2. Every sheriff, having executed such bond within such Bond to be term, shall file it in the office of the clerk of the county commis- approved by county commissioners of his county, to be presented to them at their next missioners, meeting for approval, and after being so approved the clerk shall & record it and certify the fact thereon, and retaining a copy R. S., c. 104, thereof, deliver the original to the sheriff, who shall deliver it to §2. the treasurer of state, within twenty days after its approval, to be filed in his office.

Sec. 3. The county commissioners in each county, at their Sufficiency of first meeting after the third Tuesday of June, on motion of the bonds to be county attorney, shall annually examine into the sufficiency of annually. the bond of the sheriff in their county, and cause a record of R.S., c. 104, their determination to be made by their clerks, who shall certify  $\frac{1}{93}$ . the same to the treasurer of state within thirty days.

SEC. 4. If the bond of any sheriff is adjudged insufficient, If adjudged the clerk, within ten days, shall certify that fact to him, who, insufficient, new bond to within twenty days thereafter, shall give a new bond with suffi- be given. cient sureties, to be filed in the office of the clerk of the county R. S., c. 104, commissioners and approved as aforesaid and then filed in the  $\delta^{4}$ . commissioners and approved as aforesaid, and then filed in the office of the treasurer of state.

SEC. 5. Any sheriff, for each month's neglect to give the secu- Forfeiture for rity required in the first or fourth section, shall forfeit the sum neglect to give of one hundred and fifty dollars to the use of the state, to be R. S., c. 104, recovered in an action of debt by the treasurer of state, and the § 5, 6.

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attorney general shall prosecute therefor; and the clerk of his county shall certify such sheriff's name to the governor and council and the attorney general; and unless reasonable cause therefor is shown, or within twenty days after the clerk has so certified, he gives or renews his security to the satisfaction of the governor and council, he thereby vacates his office.

SEC. 6. When the treasurer of state certifies to the governor and council that moneys due to the state on warrants, or any other sums or balances are in the hands of a sheriff, and furnishes the names of his sureties, and it appears to them that the sureties are insufficient, or have removed from the state, they may require him to give a new bond, with sufficient sureties, within sixty days after he is notified, to be filed as aforesaid, and if he neglects it, his office becomes vacant.

SEC. 7. When a surety on the official bond of a sheriff, or his heirs, executors, or administrators, petitions the county commissioners of the same county to be discharged therefrom, they shall cause an attested copy of the petition to be served on such 12. 1841, c. 1, § 14. sheriff, and may require him to give a new bond to their satisfaction; and when it is given and accepted, such surety or his legal representatives, shall not be liable for any neglects or misdoings thereafter.

> Every sheriff, elected or appointed, shall give notice Sec. 8. thereof to the coroners of his county; and may appoint deputies, for whose official misconduct and neglect he is answerable, and they shall be duly sworn. Their appointment and discharge shall be in writing, signed by him, and recorded in the office of the clerk of the courts in his county, and shall not be valid until so lodged and recorded, except by operation of law or by vacancy in the office of sheriff. For recording such appointment or discharge, the sheriff shall pay the clerk twenty-five cents. (a)

> Sec. 9. Every sheriff and each of his deputies shall serve and execute, within his county, all writs and precepts issued by lawful authority, to him directed and committed, including those in which a town, plantation, parish, religious society or school district of which he is at the time a member, is a party or interested, but his legal fees for services shall first be paid or secured to him; and if they are not, when the process is delivered to him, he shall forthwith return it to the plaintiff or attorney offering it; or if sent to him by mail or otherwise, shall put it into some post office within twenty-four hours, directed to the person sending it; otherwise he shall be deemed to have waived his right to his fees before service.

> Sec. 10. Sheriffs and their deputies have the same authority, and the deputies are under the same obligation to serve, execute, and return all processes in their hands, when, for any cause, they cease to hold such office, as before; and official neglects or misdoings of a deputy after his principal is out of office, are a breach of such sheriff's bond.

> 18 Maine, 59, 277; 19 Maine, 435; 23 Maine, 326; 25 Maine, 308; 29 Maine, 73; 31 Maine, 162; 33 Maine, 420; 36 Maine, 542.

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SEC. 11. Actions for the neglect or misdoings of a sheriff or  $C_{\text{HAP}}$ . 80. his deputies shall survive the sheriff, and may be sued against his executors or administrators.

SEC. 12. Any person, injured by the neglect or misdoings of against them. a sheriff, who has first ascertained the amount of his damages § 18. by judgment in a suit against him, his executors or administra- Person injured tors, or by a decree of the probate court allowing his claim, may, of sheriff may at his own expense, in the name of the treasurer, institute a suit sue the bond, on his official bond in the county where he was authorized to act, state treasurer, and prosecute it to final judgment and execution. His name at his own exand place of residence, or that of his attorney, shall be indorsed Writ to be on the writ, and the indorser alone shall be liable for costs. If endorsed; judgment is rendered for the treasurer, it shall be for the damages How judgment ascertained as aforesaid, or so much thereof as remains unpaid, is to be renwith interest, and the party's name for whose use the suit was R. S., c. 104, brought, shall be expressed in the execution issued thereon. If § 13, 14, 15, 16. the judgment is for the defendant, it shall be against the party for whose use the suit was brought.

SEC. 13. Any other person, having a right of action on such Actions on bond, may file an additional declaration in the same action in sheriffs' bond, proceedings. the office of the clerk of the courts, who shall issue a summons, 1842, c. 19, § 1. directed to the defendant, specifying the cause of action and the amount demanded, returnable to the same court and indorsed by the name and place of residence of such other person, or his attorney; and such indorser shall be liable for costs the same as indorsers of writs.

Sec. 14. The property of the defendant may be attached on Service by such summons as on mesne process, and it shall be served on the summons and attachment. defendant as an original summons; and thereupon such person Rights of pershall have all the rights of a plaintiff in the suit; and the de- declaration. fendant shall answer to said declaration, and judgment may be Defendant to rendered thereon as if it was filed in an action originally instituted for the same cause.

SEC. 15. When judgment is rendered against the defendant Damages in such action, damages shall be assessed on each declaration for assessed on the amount which the party filing it would recover in a suit on judgment. the bond, with costs; and executions shall issue therefor, in the Execution, how to issue name of each party so recovering, in the order in which the de- 1842, c. 19, § 3. clarations were filed, but not beyond the amount of the bond. If judgment is for the defendant on any such declaration, execution shall issue against the party filing it for costs. No such action shall be dismissed, discontinued or nonsuited, except by order of court, without the consent of all parties interested as plaintiffs.

The treasurer shall deliver an attested copy of a Any person SEC. 16. sheriff's bond to any one applying and paying for it, which shall entitled to a be competent evidence in any case relating thereto, unless its ex- bond, &c. ecution is disputed, in which case, the court may order the treas- R. S., c. 104, urer to produce it in court for the purposes of the trial.

SEC. 17. No sheriff shall be arrested on a writ or execution sheriff not in a civil action; but when a judgment is rendered against him in liable to be arrested. his private or official capacity, the execution thereon shall issue Executions

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against his property, but not against his body; and if it is returned not satisfied, the creditor may file an attested copy of such execution and return with the governor and council, and serve on such sheriff a copy of such copy, attested by the secretary of state, with a notice under his hand of the day on which such copy was filed; and if such sheriff does not, within forty days after such service, pay the creditor his full debt, with reasonable costs for copies and service of them, he thereby vacates his office. But when he ceases to be sheriff, the clerk may issue alias executions against his property and body.

SEC. 18. No sheriff shall receive from his deputies any portion of the fees for levying and collecting executions issued by a justice of the peace, wherein the debt or damage does not exceed twenty dollars; nor more than at the rate of twelve per cent. on the amount of fees for travel and service of precepts; nor a per centage on any items, except travel and service, notwithstanding his bond otherwise provides.

SEC. 19. Each deputy sheriff shall keep a true account, with the items thereof, of all fees for travel and service, and other emoluments accruing to him by virtue of his office, and within twenty days after the first day of December annually, return, under oath, to the sheriff a true copy of such account up to that time.

Sec. 20. Each sheriff, within ten days after the twentieth day of December annually, from the accounts so returned to him by his deputies, shall state a true account of the amount of fees for travel, services, and other emoluments of office, specifying the different classes of items accruing from his deputies, and of the amount of such fees, and other emoluments accruing to him in said office within the preceding year, and make a true return thereof, under oath, to the treasurer of his county, and pay to him, for the use of the county, the residue, after deducting the sum allowed him in the following section.

Sec. 21. The sheriffs for the counties of York, Cumberland, Lincoln, Penobscot, and Kennebec, are allowed seven hundred dollars each; the sheriffs of Oxford and Somerset, five hundred dollars each; the sheriffs of Hancock, Sagadahoc, Androscoggin, Washington, and Waldo, four hundred dollars each; the sheriff of Piscataquis, three hundred and fifty dollars; the sheriff of Franklin, three hundred dollars; and the sheriff of Aroostook, one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

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Sec. 22. The sheriff shall have charge of the jail in his councharge of jail; ty, and keep it himself, or appoint a jailer, for whose official neglects and misdoings he is answerable, and he shall be sworn.

Sec. 23. When a vacancy occurs in the office of sheriff, the When vacancy jailer then lawfully acting, shall continue in office, and retain the charge of the jail, and of all prisoners therein, or committed thereto, and his official neglects and misdoings shall be a breach of his principal's official bond, until a new sheriff is qualified, or

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the governor and couucil remove such jailer and appoint another, CHAP. 80. which they are authorized to do; and the jailer so appointed shall give bond, in the manner required of a sheriff, for the faithful discharge of his duties. δ 9.

SEC. 24. If the office of jailer becomes vacant, while the Office of jailer office of sheriff is vacant, the county commissioners may appoint and sheriff vaa jailer, who shall give bond as a sheriff is required to do, and contrisioners continue in office, if his appointment is confirmed at their next may appoint meeting, during the vacancy in the office of sheriff, or until he is R. S., c. 104, δ 25. removed, and a new jailer appointed.

SEC. 25. The sheriff shall see that the jail in his county is Jail to be kept kept as clean and healthy as may be; cause the walls to be clean and healthy. whitewashed in April or May annually, and as often as the R. S., c. 104, county commissioners order, at the expense of the county; and § 42. pay strict attention to the personal cleanliness of the prisoners.

SEC. 26. Every keeper of a jail shall reside constantly, with Jailer to reside his family, if he has any, in the house provided for him, if it is in house progood and sufficient in the opinion of the county commissioners; trommis and if he neglects so to do, he shall forfeit, not exceeding three sioners; for feiture for hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment to the use of the neglect. county. δ 62.

SEC. 27. Every sheriff shall keep, in a bound book provided Sheriff to keep for that purpose, a true and exact calendar, containing, distinctly record of perand fairly registered, the names of all prisoners who are committed to the jail under his charge, their places of abode, addi- description of mitted to the jail under his charge, their places of about, auti-tions, time of their commitment, for what cause, and by what  $\frac{each}{R}$ ,  $\frac{kc}{s}$ . authority; and a particular description of the persons of those § 39. committed for criminal offences; and he shall register in said book the name and description, the time when, and the authority by which any prisoner was discharged; and the time and manner of any prisoner's escape.

SEC. 28. Every jailer, at the opening of the supreme judicial Jailer to return court for his county, shall return a list of prisoners in his custo- list of prisoners at each dy, and of all committed during the session, certifying the cause session of sufor which and the person by whom committed; and shall have ac. the calendar of prisoners in court for its inspection; and for R.S., c. 104, neglecting so to do, the court may impose a reasonable fine.

SEC. 29. All warrants, mittimuses, processes, and other offi- Official papers, cial papers, or attested copies of them, by which any prisoner is to be filed and kept with calcommitted or liberated, shall be regularly filed in order of time; endar, and de-livered to sucand with the calendar aforesaid safely kept in a suitable box; ressort and when he vacates his office, shall be, by the sheriff, or his per. Penalty for and when he vacates his omce, shall be, by the sherm, or his por-sonal representative, delivered over to his successor, on penalty  $\frac{\text{neglect.}}{\text{R. S., c. 104}}$ , of forfeiting two hundred dollars, to the use of the county.

SEC. 30. Every sheriff shall be answerable for the delivery sheriff answerover to his successor of all prisoners in his custody at the time able for delivof his removal; and for that purpose, shall retain the keeping of ers to succesthe jail in his county, and the prisoners therein, until his successor sor enters on the duties of his office.

When any prisoner escapes through the insufficiency Liability of Sec. 31. of the jail, or the negligence of the sheriff or jailer, the sheriff sheriff on escape of shall be chargeable to the creditor, or other person, at whose prisoners.

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Liability of keeper and sheriff if prisoners escape. R. S., c. 104,  $\S$  51.

suit he was committed, or to whose use any forfeiture was ad-- judged against such prisoner.

SEC. 32. When such escape happens through the insufficiency of the jail, the county commissioners may order the county treasurer to pay the sheriff the amount paid by him to such party; and if they do not make such order within six months after the demand is laid before them, the sheriff may bring his action on the case against the inhabitants of such county, to be tried therein, or in an adjoining county; and an attested copy of the writ left with the county treasurer, thirty days before the sitting of the court to which it is returnable, is a sufficient service.

SEC. 33. The commissioners may appoint an agent, to appear and defend the suit; and if they have no meeting between the time of service and the return day thereof, it shall be continued to the next term, saving all advantages to the defendants; and if judgment is rendered against the county, the execution may be levied on the estate of any inhabitant, who shall have his remedy against the county to recover the amount so levied.

SEC. 34. Every prison keeper shall keep prisoners committed for debt, separate from prisoners charged with felony or infamous crimes; and all minors so committed, and all prisoners upon a first charge, before or after conviction, separate from notorious offenders, and those convicted more than once of felony or infamous crimes, as the construction or state of the prison will admit.

SEC. 35. If any prison keeper violates the provisions of the preceding section, or voluntarily or negligently suffers any prissoner in his custody, charged with or convicted of any crime, to have any spirituous liquors, or in part spirituous, unless the physician authorized to attend the sick in such prison, in writing, certifies that such prisoner's health requires it, and prescribes the quantity, he shall, in each case, for the first offence, forfeit twenty-five dollars, and for the second offence, fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment for the use of the county, or by any person suing therefor, to his own use; and shall be removed from office, and incapable of holding the office of sheriff, deputy sheriff, or jailer, for the term of five years; and if he, or any other person, gives, sells or delivers to any person committed to jail on mesne process or execution, or to any other person for his use, any spirituous liquors, without the consent in writing of the overseers of the poor of the town where the jail is situated, he shall forfeit not less than five, nor more than ten dollars, to be recovered on complaint before a justice of the peace, one-half to the use of said town, and the other to the prosecutor.

SEC. 36. If any prison keeper, through negligence, suffers any prisoner charged with crime to escape, he shall pay such fine as the court before which he is convicted inflicts, according to the nature of the offence charged against the escaped prisoner; if any person committed for debt escapes from prison, and the sheriff or jail keeper, within three months thereafter, recovers and returns him thereto, the sheriff shall be liable for no

more than the costs of any action commenced against him there- CHAP. 80. for.

SEC. 37. The keepers of the several jails in this state shall Jailers to rereceive and safely keep all prisoners committed under the au- ceive prisoners committed by thority of the United States, except persons claimed as fugitive authority of United States, slaves, until discharged by law, under the penalties provided by except fugitive law for the safe keeping of prisoners under the laws of this slaves. R. S., c. 104, state.

SEC. 38. When a person dies in jail in any county, the jailer 1855, c. 182. or sheriff shall deliver his body to his friends, if requested; and when person dies in jail, if not, he shall bury it in the common burying ground, and the body to be expenses thereof shall be paid by the town in which he had a friends, or legal settlement, if any in the state, and if not, by the state.

SEC. 39. All fines arising from breaches of any of the pro- R. S., c. 104, visions of this chapter, not otherwise appropriated, shall be  $\frac{\sqrt{33}}{3}$ . applied to building and repairing the jails in the county where applied to the offence is committed.

#### CORONERS.

SEC. 40. Every coroner shall be appointed and hold his of Appointment fice according to the provisions of the constitution, be sworn, B. S., c. 104, and give bond to the treasurer of state, with sufficient sureties, §8. to the satisfaction of the county commissioners of his county, for the faithful discharge of his duties; such bond shall be transmitted to such treasurer, as a sheriff's bond is; but when it is approved, by the certificate of two county commissioners, and filed with the clerk of his county, he may discharge his duties till the first day of their next stated session, and not afterwards, unless his bond is then approved by them.

SEC. 41. All the provisions of sections three, four, seven, Certain sectwelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, and sixteen apply to coroners ble to coroners. as well as to sheriffs; and any coroner neglecting to give the new R. S. c. 104, bond required by section four, thereby vacates his office.

SEC. 42. Every coroner shall serve and execute, within his 1841, c. 1, 514. county, all writs and precepts in which the sheriff thereof or his 51, 2, 3. deputy is a party, unless served by a constable, or while the or- or coroler's powers to fice of sheriff therein is vacant, including those in which a town, serve precepts. plantation, parish, religious society, or school district, of which 1 Greenl. 361. 21 Maine, 481. deputy is a party, unless served by a constable, or while the of- Of coroner's he is at the time a member, is a party or interested; and may R. S., c. 104, lawfully serve, execute and return any process in his hands when § 60, 61. his term of office expires, or he is notified of the qualification of the sheriff of his county, after a vacancy.

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SEC. 43. A constable may serve, execute and return, upon Power to serve any person in his town, or in an adjoining plantation, any writ or precepts. precept in a personal action, when the damage claimed does not forfeiture for exceed a hundred dollars, including those in which a town, plan-giving before tation, parish, religious society, or school district, of which he is 5 Greenl. 76. a member, is a party or interested; but before he serves any 11 Maine, 332, process, he shall give bond to the inhabitants of his town in the § 34, 35. 1852, c. 285.

52. When person delivered to buried at ex-Fines to be building and repair of jails. R. S., c. 104, \$ 53.

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CHAP. 80. sum of five hundred dollars, with two sureties, approved by the municipal officers thereof, who shall indorse their approval on said bond in their own hands, for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, as to all processes by him served or executed; and for every process he serves before giving such bond, he shall forfeit not less than twenty, nor more than fifty dollars, to the use of any person suing therefor.

> SEC. 44. Persons injured by the neglects or misdoings of a constable may have the same remedy by preliminary action, and action on his bond, as is provided in case of a sheriff's bond.

> SEC. 45. The constables of the town of Bristol may serve all precepts on the islands called Muscongus and Harbor islands, in the county of Lincoln, as in their own town, until said islands can legally elect constables.

> Police officers, duly appointed in any city, shall Sec. 46. have all the powers of constables in all criminal matters, or relating to the by-laws of their city.

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO SHERIFFS, CORONERS, AND CONSTABLES.

SEC. 47. A warrant duly issued by a municipal or police court, or a justice of the peace, for an offence committed in his county, or under the law for the maintenance of bastard children, may be directed to and executed by a constable of any town therein: and if the accused has gone into another county before or after the warrant was issued, a sheriff or his deputy, coroner, or constable, having the warrant, may pursue and arrest him in any county, and carry him to the county where the act complained of was committed; and when any such officer arrests a person to commit him to the jail of his county, he may convey him by the most convenient and suitable route, though it passes through other counties.

Any officer aforesaid, in the execution of the duties SEC. 48. of his office in criminal cases, for the preservation of the peace, for apprehending or securing any person for the breach thereof, or in case of the escape or rescue of persons arrested on civil process, may require suitable aid therein; and any person, so required to aid, who neglects or refuses so to do, shall forfeit to the use of the county not less than three, nor more than fifty dollars; and if he does not forthwith pay such fine, the court may punish him by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 49. If any officer aforesaid, who has commenced the service or execution of a precept, by death or otherwise becomes disqualified to complete it, it may be completed, with the same legal effect, by any other qualified officer.

SEC. 50. Every officer, plaintiff or his attorney, having in his possession a writ on which an attachment has been made, shall make and deliver to the debtor or his attorney, if requested and the legal fee tendered, an attested copy thereof. And if he unreasonably refuses or neglects so to do for twenty-four hours, he shall forfeit five dollars, and five dollars additional for every subsequent twenty-four hours he so refuses or neglects, to be recov-

Remedy of persons injured by misdoing of constable. R. S., c. 104, δ 36**.** Constables of Bristol, &c. 1843, c. 23. Police officers of cities have powers of constables in certain matters. 1850, c. 156, § 1.

Constables may serve certain warrants in any town in the county. Officers may serve certain precepts in any county. R. S., c. 104, § 54. 1848, c. 45.

Aid may be required by officer. Penalty for refusing. R. S., c. 104, δ 32.

Service commenced, and officer becoming disqualified, may be completed by another. Copy of writ on which attachment made, to be delivered to defendant on request. Penalty. 1852, c. 264, § 1, 2.

ered by the debtor to his own use, in an action of debt, in any CHAP. 80. competent court.

Any officer aforesaid who unreasonably neglects or Penalty for SEC. 51. refuses, on demand, to pay money received by him on execution neglect of officer to pay to the person entitled to it, shall pay five times the lawful inter- money collected. est thereon so long as he so retains it.

SEC. 52. No officer aforesaid shall appear before any court 18 Maine, 59. or justice of the peace as attorney or advising any party in a  $\frac{R}{\delta}$  27. suit, or draw any writ, plaint, declaration, citation, process, or 1841, c. 1, § 14. plea for any other person; and all such acts done by either of No officer to appear as atthem shall be void.

SEC. 53. No sheriff, deputy sheriff, coroner, constable, jailer, Penalty. justice of the peace, or other officer of this state, shall arrest or R.S., c. 104, detain, or aid in so doing, in any prison or building belonging to  $\frac{5}{1855}$ , c. 114. this state, or to any county or town, any person, on account of Fugitive slave a claim on him as a fugitive slave. Any of said officers violating arested or any of the aforesaid provisions, or aiding or abetting any person detained by claiming, arresting, or detaining any person as a fugitive slave, the state. shall forfeit a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars for each Penalty. offence, to the use of the county where it is committed, or be  $\frac{1855}{52.3}$ . imprisoned less than one year in the county jail.

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