

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE  
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED JANUARY 25, 1871;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES AND OF THE STATE OF MAINE:

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.



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## CHAPTER 31.

## PRINCIPAL, FACTORS AND AGENTS.

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How far shipper, factor or agent shall be considered the owner of goods under their control.  
 R. S. c. 31, § 1.  
 1 Me. 172.  
 4 Me. 542.  
 11 Me. 414.  
 15 Me. 340.  
 31 Me. 409.  
 57 Me. 63.

SEC. 1. Every person, in whose name any merchandise is shipped, every factor or agent entrusted with the possession of any bill of lading, custom house permit, or ware house keeper's receipt for the delivery of any such merchandise, and every such factor or agent not having the documentary evidence of title, who is entrusted with the possession of any merchandise for the purpose of sale, or as security for any advances to be made thereon, shall be deemed the true owner thereof, so far as to give validity to any lien or contract made by such shipper or agent with any other person for the sale or disposition of the whole, or any part of such merchandise, any money advanced, or negotiable instrument, or other obligation in writing, given by such person upon the faith thereof.

Not to extend to antecedent demands against the agent.  
 R. S. c. 31, § 2.

SEC. 2. No person, taking such merchandise in deposit from such agent as security for an antecedent demand, shall thereby acquire or enforce any right or interest therein other than such agent could then enforce.

SEC. 3. But the true owner of any such merchandise, upon re-  
 payment of the money so advanced, restoration of the security so  
 given, or satisfaction of all legal liens, may demand and receive his  
 property, or recover the balance remaining as the produce of the  
 legal sale thereof, after deducting all proper claims and expenses  
 thereon.

CHAP. 32.

Rights of the  
true owner in  
such cases.  
R. S. c. 31, § 3.

## CHAPTER 32.

### NOTARIES PUBLIC, PROTESTS, DAYS OF GRACE, AND DEMAND ON NOTES AND BILLS.

#### NOTARIES PUBLIC AND PROTESTS.

- SEC. 1. Notary's seal. He may administer oath.
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  3. Also, as to demand and notice on negotiable notes and bills, and in other respects, and record thereof.
  4. Copies and certificates under his seal shall be legal evidence of all facts therein stated.
  5. When his office is vacated, his records to be deposited with the clerk of the courts.
  6. Penalty for destroying, defacing or concealing such records.
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  8. Fees for protest of notes or bills, and appropriation of penalties.

#### DAYS OF GRACE.

- SEC. 9. Days of grace on notes and bills, and changes thereof on account of Sunday, fast, thanksgiving, fourth of July, twenty-second of February, and Christmas, &c.

#### DEMAND.

- SEC. 10. Demand on note payable at time and place certain. Acceptance of bills of exchange, drafts or orders and waiver of demand and notice to be in writing.

#### NOTARIES PUBLIC AND PROTESTS.

SEC. 1. Every notary public shall constantly keep a seal of office, whereon is engraven his name, and the words "notary public" and "Maine," with the arms of the state; or such other device as he chooses. When authorized by the laws of this state or of the United States, or by the laws of any other state or country, to do any official act, he may administer any oath necessary to the completion or validity of such act.

Notary's seal.

May administer oaths.  
R. S. c. 32, § 1.  
1859, c. 60.

SEC. 2. When requested, he shall enter on record all losses or damages sustained or apprehended by sea or land, and all averages, and such other matters, as, by mercantile usage, appertain to his office; grant warrants of survey on vessels; and all facts, extracts

His duty as to protests of losses, and record and copies thereof.  
R. S. c. 32, § 2.