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.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE LEGISLATURE.

PORTLAND: PUBLISHED BY BAILEY & NOYES.
CHAPTER 117.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE STATE.

Sec. 1. Treason, its definition, proof, and punishment.
2. Misprision of treason, its definition, proof and punishment.
3. Limitation of prosecutions therefor to three years.
4. Usurpation of jurisdiction by a foreign power.

Sec. 1. Treason consists in levying war against the state, adhering to its enemies, and giving them aid and comfort. No person can be convicted of it without the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or confession in open court. Its punishment is death.
Sec. 2. Misprision of treason consists in a knowledge that treason has been, or is to be committed, and in the concealment of it, or omission to give information thereof to the governor, a judge of a court of record, or a justice of the peace. No person can be convicted of it without the testimony of two witnesses, but one of them may be to one, and another to a different overt act of the same species of treason; or by confession in open court. It shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. No person can be convicted of treason or misprision of treason unless the indictment therefor is found within three years after the commission thereof.

Sec. 4. If a person, claiming authority from any foreign government or magistrate, enters upon any lands, cuts any timber, serves any process, or exercises any jurisdiction, authority, or ownership, claims any right, or threatens to do any of said acts within the limits of this state, as described by the treaties of seventeen hundred and eighty-three and eighteen hundred and forty-two, between the United States and Great Britain, he and every person aiding and encouraging the same shall be punished by imprisonment and fine, at the discretion of the court, according to the aggravation of the offence.