

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# STATE OF MAINE,

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**NO. 27.]**

**[HOUSE.**

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**A N A C T**

IN RELATION TO

**A G R I C U L T U R E .**

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# STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND FORTY-TWO.

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## AN ACT for the encouragement of agriculture.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*—as follows :

3   **SECT. 1.** In addition to the sum provided in  
4 the 82nd chapter of the “Revised Statutes,”  
5 the treasurer of the State is hereby authorized  
6 and directed to pay to the treasurer of any agri-  
7 cultural, or agricultural and horticultural society,  
8 annually, whenever any such treasurer shall ap-  
9 ply for the same, the sum of three hundred dol-  
10 lars.

**SECT. 2.** If there be three such societies in  
2 any county, the payment from the State treas-  
3 ury shall not exceed one hundred dollars to each  
4 of them; if two, and only two, one hundred and  
5 fifty dollars to each of them.

**SECT. 3.** Every society, availing itself of the

2 provisions of this act, shall annually and publicly  
3 offer premiums amounting to the sum so receiv-  
4 ed, in such proportions as they shall deem most  
5 beneficial to the interests of [the] county, for the  
6 following objects, viz :

7 1st. For the best conducted experiments by  
8 one or more persons, showing the comparative  
9 value of different manures in promoting vegeta-  
10 ble production.

11 2nd. For experiments showing the best mode  
12 of manufacturing manures, and the time and  
13 mode of applying them.

14 3d. For experiments showing the most prof-  
15 itable crops to be grown on the different varie-  
16 ties of soil.

17 4th. For experiments showing the best mode  
18 of preparing the soil for, and management of the  
19 different crops.

20 5th. For experiments showing the advan-  
21 tages to be derived from admixture of different  
22 soils.

23 6th. For experiments showing the relative  
24 value of the different grains and roots in feeding  
25 and fattening animals.

26 7th. For experiments showing what breeds

27 of domestic animals are best suited to the cli-  
28 mate, and most profitably raised in said county.

SECT. 4. Should any premium not be de-  
2 manded, or in the opinion of the proper officers  
3 of said society, not be merited, all sums so re-  
4 maining, shall be carried forward to the amount  
5 offered the succeeding year, and the society  
6 shall, in the month of January, of every year,  
7 transmit to the secretary of State, an official  
8 statement of expenditures, showing the objects  
9 for which premiums have been awarded, and  
10 to whom paid.

SECT. 5. Every person, to whom a premium  
2 shall be awarded for any of the objects contem-  
3 plated in the 3d section of this act, shall, before  
4 receiving such premium deliver to the society a  
5 written statement of every important circum-  
6 stance in relation to his experiment. All these  
7 statements shall be put in proper form and re-  
8 corded, and a copy of the record transmitted to  
9 the secretary of State in the month of January,  
10 to be by him transmitted to the Legislature, to  
11 be used as directed in the 82nd chapter of the  
12 “ Revised Statutes.”

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21, 1842. }

ORDERED, That 300 copies of the foregoing Bill be printed  
for the use of the Legislature.

Attest,

WM. T. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*