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### THE LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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1843.

# TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

No. 14.]

[HOUSE ...

## ANACT

TO PROMOTE

### AGRICULTURE AND DIMINISH PAUPERISM.



### STATE OF MAINE.

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

#### AN ACT to promote Agriculture and diminish Pauperism.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

- 2 tives in Legislature assembled—as follows:
- 3 Section 1. Any person who shall purchase or ob-
- 4 tain in any way, a legal title to any tract of land
- 5 within this State, not exceeding fifty acres; and at
- 6 the time of obtaining such title, not exceeding in val-
- 7 ue one hundred dollars; shall hold and retain the
- 8 same exempt from attachment and execution; provid-
- 9 ed, the grantee shall cause to be written, or printed,
- 10 on the margin of the title deed or deeds, the word
- 11 (exemption,) and the same to be recorded on the mar-
- 12 gin of the record.
  - Sec. 2. When any real estate, holden under the
  - 2 provisions of the first section of this act, shall, (by
  - 3 means of buildings and improvement,) exceed in val-
  - 4 ue six hundred dollars, any creditor who shall have
  - 5 obtained judgment and execution against any such
  - 6 debtor, may cause such execution to be levied on such
  - 7 real estate; and it shall be the duty of the appraisers,

- 8 who may be selected or appointed to appraise and set
- 9 off such real estate, to satisfy such execution, first, to
- 10 appraise and set off to the debtor at his (the debtor's)
- 11 election, so much of said real estate as they shall ad-
- 12 judge and determine, to be of the value of six hun-
- 13 dred dollars; and the residue (if any) shall be subject
- 14 to such execution or any creditor of said debtor in the
- 15 same manner as real estate never exempt from attach-
- 16 ment and execution.

House of Representatives, March 7, 1842.

This bill having had three several readings was passed to be engressed. Sent up for concurrence.

WM. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

In Senate, March 16, 1842.

This bill having had two several readings, and been amended on sheets annexed marked A and B, and referred to the next Legislature. Sent down for concurrence.

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.

House of Representatives, March 16, 1842.

The House insisted, proposed a conference, and appointed, on its part Messrs. Weeks of Clinton, Sewall of Old Town, and Dunn of Poland, Conferees.

WM. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

In Senate, March 17, 1842.

The Senate insist, concur in the proposition for a conference, and appoint Messrs. Kavanagh, Clough and Leavitt, Conferees.

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.

In Senate, March 17, 1842.

The Senate adhere, and order the bill to be published in the State paper. Sent down for concurrence.

JERE HASKELL, Secretary.

House of Representatives, March 17, 1842. The House receded and concurred.

WM. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

#### ADMIDMIDMES.

A.

Sec. 2, line 3, strike out, "by means of buildings 2 and improvements."

B.

Sec. 3. The exemption from attachment and exe-2 cution of the property named in the first two sections 3 of this act shall not apply to any debt contracted be-4 fore its passage, and clerks of Courts shall certify 5 upon the execution whether the debt upon which it 6 issued was contracted before or after the passage of 7 this act.

#### STATE OF MAINE.

House of Representatives, January 24, 1843.

Laid upon the table, and 200 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Wm. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.