

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 77.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
SIXTY-SIX.

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AN ACT in relation to the rule of damages in actions of  
tort.

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

No more than single damages shall be recovered in  
2 any action which has been or may be commenced for  
3 injury to any personal property where the jury find  
4 that the act was committed on account of anything  
5 said, done or published by any of the owners or pos-  
6 sessors of such property of a nature or tendency to  
7 incite opposition against the state or general govern-  
8 ment in the effort to subdue the rebellion against the  
9 authority of the United States ; and anything alleged  
10 to have been so done, said or published may be given  
11 in evidence at the trial of such suit.

**AMENDMENT.**

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“A.”

Amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following :

Section nine, chapter one hundred twenty-seven of  
2 the revised statutes are hereby amended by striking  
3 out all after the word trespass in the last line, and  
4 inserting the following words: “for the amount of  
5 the injury so done and for such further sum not ex-  
6 ceeding in all three times such amount, as the jury  
7 shall judge reasonable under the circumstances of the  
8 case.”

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 21, 1866. }

Read twice, and laid on the table on motion of Mr. WILSON of Thomaston, and ordered to be printed.

F. M. DREW, *Clerk.*