

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 51.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY.

AN ACT to amend section twenty-one of chapter eighty-two of the revised statutes.

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

Section twenty-one of chapter eighty-two of the 2 revised statutes is hereby amended, by striking out the 3 word "an" in the first line and inserting instead 4 thereof the words "any personal," and also by strik- 5 ing out the words "founded on judgment on contract," 6 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

7 SECT. 21. In any personal action the defendant 8 may in writing entered of record with its date, offer 9 to be defaulted for a specified sum. If not accepted 10 within such time as the court orders, it shall not be 11 offered in evidence, or have any effect upon the rights

12 of the parties, or the judgment to be rendered, except
13 the costs. If the plaintiff fails to recover a sum as
14 due at the time of the offer greater than the sum
15 offered, he recovers for costs such only as accrued be-
16 fore the offer, and the defendant recovers costs incurred
17 since that time ; and his judgment for costs may be
18 set off against the plaintiff's judgment for debt and
19 costs.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 17, 1870. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. BARKER
of Stetson, and printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*