

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 121.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section forty of chapter four, section eleven of chapter five, section seventy-four of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, and chapter forty of the public laws of eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

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

SECTION 1. So much of section forty of chapter four
2 of the revised statutes as precedes the word "for" in
3 the eighth line of said section is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. Section eleven of chapter five of the re-
2 vised statutes is hereby amended by striking out of
3 the second, third and fourth lines of said section the
4 words "or organized into plantations," and the words
5 "or is otherwise parted with." Said section is fur-
6 ther amended by striking out of the eleventh line

7 thereof the words “ so incorporated or organized,” and
8 inserting instead thereof the words “ incorporatd into
9 a town,” so that said section as amended shall read as
10 follows :

11 *Sect. 11.* The land agent shall have the care of
12 the reserved lands in all townships or tracts until they
13 are incorporated, and the fee becomes vested in the
14 town. He may, from time to time, sell the timber
15 and grass thereon, or the right to cut the same, for
16 cash, except the grass growing on improvements made
17 by an actual settler, until incorporated into a town,
18 for such sum as he thinks just and reasonable. When
19 so sold, he shall give the purchaser a permit, under
20 his hand and seal, setting forth the terms of the con-
21 tract, which shall be recorded in the office. The pro-
22 prietors of the township or tract shall have the option
23 to become purchasers thereof at the rate per acre for
24 which the township or tract was sold.

SECT. 3. Section seventy-four of chapter eighteen
2 of the revised statutes shall be amended so as to read
3 as follows :

4 *Sect. 74.* If the municipal officers of any town
5 unreasonably neglect to cause a guide-post to be
6 erected in their town as provided by law, they shall
7 forfeit and pay five dollars for each months' neglect, to
8 be recovered in an action of the case by and to the

9 use of any person suing therefor. Plantations as-
10 sessed in state or county taxes and their officers are
11 under the same obligations and subject to the same
12 penalties in these respects as towns.

SECT. 4. Chapter forty of the public laws of eigh-
2 teen hundred and sixty-six shall be amended so as to
3 read as follows :

4 Towns shall erect and maintain at all crossings of
5 highways, and where one public highway enters an-
6 other, substantial guide-posts not less than eight feet
7 high, and have fastened to the upper end of each a
8 board, on which shall be plainly printed, in black let-
9 ters on white ground, the name of the next town on
10 the route, and of such other place as the municipal
11 officers direct, with the number of miles thereto, and
12 the figure of a hand with the forefinger pointing there-
13 to ; and for any neglect herein towns shall be subject
14 to indictment, and fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 4, 1870. }

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*