

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 113.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter five of the revised statutes, relating to the sale and settlement of the public lands.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter five of the revised statutes is amended as follows, viz : Add at the end of section three the following words, viz : “ After deducting all such payments as devolve upon him to make,” so the whole section shall read as follows :

Sect. 3. He shall execute deeds, in behalf of the state, conveying lands, which have been granted by the legislature or sold by lawful authority, as soon as the grantees have complied with the conditions of their respective grants ; collect all sums due the state by

11 note or from any source mentioned in this chapter ;
12 collect the interest on all notes at least annually, and
13 pay, at the expiration of every month, into the state
14 treasury all moneys so collected or received by him,
15 after deducting all such payments as devolve upon
16 him to make.

SECT. 2. Section four is amended so as to read as
2 follows :

3 *Sect. 4.* The governor and council and land agent
4 shall constitute a board, under whose direction all
5 surveys of land shall be made. An accurate plan or
6 map of all lands surveyed shall be returned to the land
7 office, and entered upon the plan books, within three
8 months after the survey is completed, on which shall be
9 laid down all lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, falls, mill
10 sites and roads. The field notes of such surveys shall
11 contain a description of the growth, soil and general
12 character of the township, and of every lot, if it is
13 surveyed into lots, which shall be deposited in the
14 land office within three months. The said plans and
15 field notes shall be kept at the offices in Augusta
16 and Bangor, open for inspection at all times, when
17 the land agent or his assistant is in either of said
18 offices. He shall aid in furnishing information about
19 the public lands to all persons who seek for it at his
20 office.

SECT. 3. Section twenty-four is amended so as to
2 read as follows :

3 *Sect. 24.* Out of townships located and designated
4 for settlement, the land agent may sell and convey
5 lots or parts of lots, surveyed as aforesaid, to settlers,
6 one lot not exceeding two hundred acres, for fifty
7 cents per acre, to each settler.

SECT. 4. Section thirty-four is repealed, and the
2 words "not exceeding one hundred sixty acres"
3 stricken out of section thirty-five, so that the section
4 shall read as follows :

5 *Sect. 35.* Whoever purchases a lot of wild land of
6 the state, as aforesaid, for settlement, and complies
7 with the condition of purchase, may hold it with the
8 improvements thereon, free from attachment and levy
9 on execution, while he remains in actual possession
10 thereof. The value so exempted, shall not exceed
11 one thousand dollars, to be set off to the owner in such
12 portions of the lot as he directs, by the appraisers
13 appointed to levy an execution, the same as real
14 estate is set off and appraised on execution.

SECT. 5. Section thirty-eight is amended so as to
2 read as follows :

3 *Sect. 38.* The land agent may grant permits to indi-
4 viduals, to cut and haul timber of all kinds, upon any

5 lands owned by the state, on such terms and conditions
6 as he may think proper.

SECT. 6. Sections thirty-nine and forty are repealed
2 and section forty-three so amended as to read as fol-
3 lows :

4 *Sect. 43.* On each team to be employed under such
5 permits, except those granted to cut timber on settling
6 lots, there shall be paid in advance, to the land agent,
7 fifty dollars, which shall be the property of the state,
8 if such permits are not improved, otherwise it shall be
9 allowed in payment of the stumping.

SECT. 7. Section forty-five is repealed, and section
2 forty-six amended by striking out the words in the
3 first and second lines “board for the management of
4 the public lands shall,” and insert in place thereof the
5 words ‘governor and council may.’

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 21, 1872. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr. PIKE,
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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*