

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 10.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and eighteen, section six, of the revised statutes, relative to the penalty for placing obstructions on railroads.

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

That chapter one hundred and eighteen, section six, 2 of the revised statutes, be amended in the second line 3 by inserting after the words "any part of," the 4 words, 'an engine, car, signal;' and in the sixth line 5 by changing the word "second" to 'first'; and in the 6 eighth line, by changing the word "thirty" to 'sixty,' 7 and in the ninth line after the words "hard labor," 8 so change as to read, 'during life or for a term of 9 years,' so that said section when amended shall read 10 as follows :

11 *Sect. 6.* Whoever willfully and maliciously displaces
12 a switch or rail, disturbs, injures or destroys any part
13 of an engine, car, signal, track or bridge of any rail-
14 road, or places any obstruction thereon, with intent
15 that any person or property passing on the same
16 should be thereby injured, and human life is thereby
17 destroyed, shall be deemed guilty of murder of the
18 first degree and punished accordingly. If human
19 life is thereby endangered and not destroyed, or prop-
20 erty is injured, he shall be punished by solitary con-
21 finement not less than sixty days, and afterwards by
22 imprisonment and hard labor during life, or for a
23 period of not less than ten years.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 24, 1873. }

Reported from the Committee on Judiciary, by Mr. KNOWL-
TON, and ordered printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*