

# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

#### SENATE.

No. 45.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-three of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes, relating to damage on bonds.

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

Section fifty-three of chapter one hundred and thir-2 teen of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, by 3 striking out all after the words "such part" in the 4 fourth line, and inserting: "If the penalty in the 5 bond in any such action, be more than twenty dollars, 6 the plaintiff shall recover full cost, though the amount 7 of damages recovered be less than twenty dollars," so 8 that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

9 Sect. 53. If the whole amount due on the execu-10 tion or warrant of distress is recovered in any such

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11 action, the new judgment shall be a discharge of said 12 execution or warrant of distress; if only a part is 13 recovered, it shall be a discharge of such part. If the 14 penalty in the bond in such action be more than twenty 15 dollars, the plaintiff shall recover full cost, though the 16 amount of damages recovered be less than twenty dol-17 lars. If the verdict or judgment is, the creditor has 18 sustained no damage, neither party shall recover cost.

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In Senate, February 18, 1874.

Reported from Committee on Judiciary, by Mr. WEBB, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, Secretary.