FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE. No. 34.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the testimony of persons accused of crime.

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

SECTION 1. The fact that the defendant in a criminal prosecution does not testify in his own behalf shall not be taken as evidence of his guilt.

SECT. 2. The defendant in a criminal prosecution, who testifies in his own behalf, shall not be compelled to testify on cross-examination to facts that would convict or furnish evidence to convict him of any other crime than that for which he is on trial.

STATE OF MAINE.

In House of Representatives,
January 31, 1879.

Reported by Mr. MOULTON of Scarboro', from the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk*.