

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 124

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIVE.

AN ACT to separate Sheridan plantation, so called, from the
town of Ashland in the county of Aroostook.

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

Section 1. All that part of Ashland in the county of Aroos-
2 took and State of Maine, that, prior to the passage by the
3 legislature of Maine at its session held in the year nineteen
4 hundred and one of an act entitled "An Act relating to Sheri-
5 dan plantation," chapter four hundred and twenty of the
6 Private and Special Laws of said session, constituted Sheri-
7 dan plantation in said county and the inhabitants of the same
8 be and the same hereby is set off and apart from said Ash-
9 land and returned to and made a plantation, which shall be
10 known as Sheridan plantation, and invested with all the
11 powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and obli-
12 gations incident to other plantations of the State.

Sect. 2. Said inhabitants shall be holden to pay all taxes, 2 which have been legally assessed to them in the town of Ash- 3 land and the collectors of taxes for the town of Ashland are 4 authorized and required to collect and pay all the taxes com- 5 mitted to them according to their respective warrants. All 6 money now in the treasury of said towpn of Ashland, and all 7 sums which shall be hereafter received from taxes heretofore 8 assessed, shall be applied to the several purposes for which 9 they were received, and the officers of the town of Ashland 10 shall have the same powers and perform the same duties they 11 now have and perform within the limits of the town of Ash- 12 land, until the organization of said plantation of Sheridan 13 by the choice of like plantation officers.

Sect. 3. Said plantation of Sheridan, or the inhabitants 2 thereof, shall not be liable for any debt of the town of Ash- 3 land that existed or was contracted prior to the passage of 4 said act, and said town of Ashland, or its inhabitants, shall 5 not be liable for any debt of said plantation of Sheridan that 6 existed, or was contracted, prior to the passage of said act, 7 but said plantation of Sheridan and said town of Ashland, 8 shall respectively assume and pay each its own liabilities as 9 they existed at the time of the passage of said act. Any 10 indebtedness that has been created since the passage of said 11 act, if especially for that part of Ashland or the inhabitants 12 thereof, which after the passage of this act is within the town 13 of Ashland, shall be assumed and paid by said Ashland and 14 the inhabitants thereof, and any indebtedness which has been 15 contracted for what shall hereafter be the plantation of 16 Sheridan and its inhabitants, shall be assumed and paid by 17 said Sheridan plantation and its inhabitants, and any indebt- 18 edness, which has been contracted for the mutual benefit of 19 said town of Ashland and said plantation of Sheridan, shall 20 be divided between said town and said plantation, according 21 to the valuation of the year nineteen hundred and four. All

22 property, real and personal, which belonged to said town of
23 Ashland, and all property which belonged to said plantation
24 of Sheridan, before the passage of said act of nineteen hun-
25 dred and one, shall belong to said town and said plantation
26 respectively, and all property since acquired which is within
27 the limits of said town of Ashland shall belong to said town
28 and its inhabitants; and all property since acquired, which is
29 within the limits of said plantation of Sheridan, shall belong
30 to said plantation and its inhabitants. In case of a failure
31 to agree as to the division of said indebtedness by said select-
32 men and said assessors, said disputed points shall be sub-
33 mitted to the county commissioners of said county whose
34 decision shall be final, conclusive and binding on said town
35 and said plantation and the inhabitants thereof.

Sect. 4. All persons, who, but for the passage of said act
2 of nineteen hundred and one, would have or might have
3 acquired pauper settlement in what was formerly and here-
4 after shall be the town of Ashland, shall have such settle-
5 ment in the town of Ashland, but said town of Ashland shall
6 not be liable for the support of any person, who, but for the
7 passage of said act of nineteen hundred and one, would not
8 have had a pauper settlement in said town of Ashland. Said
9 plantation of Sheridan and the inhabitants thereof shall not
10 be liable under the pauper laws of the State for the support
11 of any person, who, but for the passage of said act of nine-
12 teen hundred and one, would not be a charge on said planta-
13 tion or its inhabitants.

Sect. 5. Any justice of the peace in the county of Aroos-
2 took may issue his warrant to any legal voter in the planta-
3 tion of Sheridan, directing him to notify the inhabitants
4 thereof to meet at a time and place specified in said warrant
5 for the choice of plantation officers, and to transact such busi-
6 ness as plantations are authorized to do at their annual and
7 other meetings.

Sect. 6. Chapter four hundred and twenty of the Private
2 and Special Laws of the year nineteen hundred and one of
3 the State of Maine is hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 14, 1905.

Tabled, pending reference to a committee, by Mr. POWERS of Houlton, and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*