

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 235

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section I. All that part of Ashland in the county of Aroos-2 took and State of Maine, that, prior to the passage of 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 5 Sheridan Plantation," Chapter four hundred and twenty of 6 the Private and Special Laws of said session, constituted 7 Sheridan Plantation in said county and the inhabitants of 8 the same be and the same hereby is set off and apart from

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9 said Ashland and returned to and made a plantation, which 10 shall be known as Sheridan Plantation, and invested with all 11 the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties and 12 obligations 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 moneys now in the treasury of-said town of Ashland, and all 7 sums which shall be hereafter received from taxes hereto-8 fore assessed, shall be applied to the several purposes for 9 which they were received, and the officers of the town of 10 Ashland shall have the same powers and perform the same 11 duties they now have and perform within the limits of the 12 town of Ashland, until the organization of said plantation 13 of Sheridan 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 the town of Ashland that existed 6 or was contracted prior to the passage of said act, and said 7 town of Ashland, of its inhabitants, shall not be liable for 8 any debt of said plantation of Sheridan that existed, or was

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9 contracted, prior to the passage of said act, but said planta-10 tion of Sheridan and said town of Ashland, shall respective-11 ly assume and pay each of its own liabilities as they existed 12 at the time of the passage of said act. Any indebtedness 13 that has been created since the passage of said act, if es-14 pecially for that part of Ashland or the inhabitants thereof, 15 which after the passage of this act is within the town of 16 Ashland, shall be assumed and paid by said Ashland and 17 the inhabitants thereof, and any indebtedness which has been 18 contracted for what shall hereafter be the plantation of 19 Sheridan and its inhabitants, shall be assumed and paid by 20 said Sheridan Plantation and its inhabitants, and any in-21 debtedness, which has been contracted for the mutual ben-22 efit of said town of Ashland and said plantation of Sheri-23 dan, shall be divided between said town and said plantation, 24 according to the valuation of the year nineteen hundred and 25 four. All property, real and personal, which belonged to 26 said town of Ashland, and all property which belonged to 27 said plantation of Sheridan, before the passage of said act 28 of nineteen hundred and one, shall belong to said town and 20 said plantation respectively, and all property since acquired 30 which is within the limits of said town of Ashland shall 31 belong to said town and its inhabitants; and all property 32 since acquired, which is within the limits of said plantation 33 of Sheridan, shall belong to said plantation and its inhab-

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34 itants. In case of a failure to agree as to the division of 35 said indebtedness by said selectmen and said assessors, said 36 disputed point shall be submitted to the county commis-37 sioners of said county whose decision shall be final, conclu-38 sive and binding on said town and said plantation and the 39 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 ac-3 quired pauper settlement in what was formerly and hereafter 4 shall be the town of Ashland, shall have such settlement in 5 the town of Ashland, but said town of Ashland shall not be 6 liable for the support of any person, who, but for the pass-7 age of said act of nineteen hundred and one, would not have 8 had a pauper settlement in said town of Ashland. Said plan-9 tation of Sheridan and the inhabitants thereof shall not be 10 liable under the pauper laws of the State for the support of 11 any person, who, but for the passage of said act of nineteen 12 hundred and one, would not be a charge on said plantation or 13 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 6 business as plantations are authorized to do at their annual 7 and 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.

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STATE OF MAINE.

In Senate,

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F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.