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                              ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Alimony.

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

  Sec. 1. R. S., c. 73, § 9, amended. The last sentence of section 9 of
chapter 73 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

  'The court may also decree to her reasonable alimony out of his estate,
having regard to his ability, **and sufficient money for her defense or prose-
cution of hearings affecting alimony;** and to effect the purposes aforesaid,
may order so much of his real estate, or the rents and profits thereof, as is
necessary, to be assigned and set out to her for life; or instead of alimony,
may decree a specific sum to be paid by him to her **or payable in such man-
ner and at such times as the court may direct, and may alter such decree
from time to time as circumstances may require;** and use all necessary legal
processes to carry its decrees into effect.'

  Sec. 2. R. S., c. 73, § 11, amended. Section 11 of chapter 73 of the re-
vised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

  '**Sec. 11. New trial within 3 years, when granted.** Within 3 years after
judgment on a libel for divorce, a new trial may be granted as to the di-
vorce when the parties have not cohabited, nor either contracted a new
marriage since the former trial. ~~The court may at any time alter, amend
or suspend a decree for alimony or specific sum when it appears that
justice requires.~~'