

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, WHICH COMMENCED ON WEDNESDAY, THE
THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, AND ENDED ON THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, A. D. 1820.

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED,

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE.

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which shall be lodged in the Secretary's office : a copy of which may be given to any person interested therein.

Punishment of
fraud in Clerks

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That if any Clerk, or other person employed by the Treasurer shall commit any fraud or embezzlement therein, and shall be duly convicted thereof before the Supreme Judicial Court, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, or by confinement to hard labor for a term of years, or for life, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence and the judgment of said Court thereupon.

June 13, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER III.

AN ACT directing before whom all Judicial, Civil and Military Officers shall be qualified, where not otherwise provided for in the Constitution.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Attorney General, Secretary, Treasurer, Adjutant General and Quarter Master General, shall take and subscribe the oaths or affirmations required by the Constitution, before the Governor and Council, when in session, and in their recess before any two members of the Council ; and that every other person elected, appointed or commissioned to any Judicial, Executive, Military or other office, under this State, shall take and subscribe the same, before two of the Council, or before any two magistrates commissioned by the Governor for that purpose ; excepting in such cases where the Constitution has otherwise provided, and excepting also military officers, who may take and subscribe said oaths before any Justice of the Peace, superior Field or General Officer of the Militia.

Before whom
oaths to be taken.

Military Officers.

June 13, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER IV.

AN ACT to change the name of the town of East Andover, in the County of Oxford.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That from and after the passing of this act, the name of the said town of East Andover shall

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cease, and the said town shall henceforth be called and known by the name of Andover, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; and nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair any rights of the said corporation.

June 13, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER V.

AN ACT to divide the town of Wells, and incorporate the northeasterly part thereof as a town by the name of Kennebunk.

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SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That all that part of the town of Wells, in the county of York, lying northeasterly of the following line, viz.: beginning at the sea, at the mouth of Little river; thence running up the middle of said river to the mouth of the Branch river; thence up the middle of said Branch river, to the line between said Wells and Sanford, with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same hereby are incorporated into a separate town, by the name of Kennebunk; and vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, and subject to all the duties and requisitions of other corporate towns, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of this State.

Bounds of Kennebunk.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the inhabitants of the said town of Kennebunk, shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes, which have been legally assessed on them, together with their proportion of all assessments, which may have been voted by, and debts due from said town of Wells at the time this act may take effect; said proportion to be ascertained by the last valuation of the respective towns. And said inhabitants of Kennebunk shall be entitled to receive their proportion of all assessments voted by, and debts and taxes due to said town of Wells at that time; and also their proportion of the personal property, (except as hereinafter mentioned,) to be divided according to the valuation aforesaid.

Inhabitants to pay arrears of taxes.

And to receive their proportion.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That all persons, belonging to said town of Wells, who shall be chargeable, as paupers, when this act may take effect, or shall afterwards become chargeable, shall be considered as belonging to, and having their settlement in said town of Wells or Kennebunk, respectively, according as their settlement may have been gained on the territory of the one, or the other, at the time this act may take effect, and in future, shall be chargeable to such town only; and the unascertained expenses, up to said time, of all paupers, residing out of said town of Wells, but belonging

Paupers.