

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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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.

thereto, shall be paid by said towns, in proportion to the valuation before mentioned.

Real estate divided.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the real estate, owned by said town of Wells, shall belong to said Wells or Kennebunk, according to the local situation thereof within their respective boundaries ; and the town stock of powder, balls, flints, guns and camp equipage, on hand at the time this act may take effect, shall be divided between said towns in proportion to the number of men borne on the rolls of the militia of the respective towns, at said time.

Powder, &c.

Rights reserved.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the privileges of obtaining clams, sea-weed, and rock-weed from the beaches and flats in said towns, which the inhabitants have been accustomed to use from time immemorial, shall continue in common as heretofore.

Justice empowered to issue his warrant.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace for the county of York is hereby empowered, upon application therefor, to issue his warrant, directed to any freehold inhabitant of said town of Kennebunk, requiring him to notify and warn the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at such convenient place and time, as shall be appointed in said warrant, for the choice of such officers, as towns are by law authorized and required to choose and appoint, at their annual meetings.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the thirty-first day of July next.

June 14, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER VI.

AN ACT to incorporate the Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That William King, Simon Greenleaf, William Swan, Nathaniel Coffin and their associates and successors, be, and they hereby are incorporated into a body politic by the name of Master, Wardens and Members of the Grand Lodge of Maine ; with power to sue and be sued ; to have a common seal and to change the same ; to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs, not repugnant to the laws of this State, nor to ancient masonic usages ; to take and hold, for charitable and benevolent uses, any real estate to the value of twenty thousand dollars, and any personal estate to the value of sixty thousand dollars ; and to give and grant, or bargain and sell the same : and with

to hold property not exceeding a certain amount