

# 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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Published agreeably to a Resolution of June 23, 1820.

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*PORTLAND :*

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1820.

## CHAPTER XIII.

AN ACT to incorporate the town of Williamsburg.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the Plantation of Williamsburg, being township number six, in the eighth <sup>Bounds.</sup> range, in the county of Penobscot, as the same was surveyed by Samuel Weston, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and bounded south by the town of Sebec, east by the plantation of Brownville, north by township number six in the ninth range, and west by township number seven in the eighth range, with the inhabitants thereof, be and hereby are incorporated into a town by the name of Williamsburg; and the inhabitants of said town are hereby vested with all the powers, privileges and immunities, which the inhabitants of towns within this State do or may by law enjoy.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That Moses Greenleaf, Esq. is hereby empowered to issue his warrant to some <sup>First meeting.</sup> inhabitant of said town directing him to notify the inhabitants thereof to meet at such time and place, as he shall appoint, to choose such officers as other towns are empowered to choose at their annual town meetings.

June 21, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

## CHAPTER XIV.

AN ACT to incorporate the Eastport Mechanic Association.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Daniel Garland, <sup>Persons incor-</sup> Charles Peavy, Darius Olmstead, Ethel Olmstead, John <sup>porated.</sup> Swett, Thomas Haycock, and Joshua Veazie, and their associates, together with such others as may become subscribers to the same Institution, in the manner hereinafter provided, be and they are hereby incorporated into a Society by the name of the Eastport Mechanic Association; and by that name shall be a Corporation forever; with power to have a common seal; to make contracts relative to the objects of their Institution; to sue and be sued; to establish by-laws and orders for the regulation of the said Society, and the preservation and application of the funds thereof: *Provided,* The same be not repugnant to the Constitution or laws of this State; to take, hold, and possess any estate, real or personal, <sup>Authorized to</sup> by subscription, gift, grant, purchase, devise or otherwise; <sup>hold property.</sup>

- and the same to improve, lease, exchange, or sell and convey, for the sole benefit of said Institution: *Provided*, That the value of the real estate of said Society shall never, at any one time, exceed twenty thousand dollars; and the annual income of the whole estate of said Society, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.
- Proviso.**
- How persons may become members** SECT. 2. *BE it further enacted*, That every person, who shall subscribe and pay to the funds of said Society, a sum not less than one dollar and a half, annually, shall by such subscription and payment, become a member of said Society; liable, however, to be removed therefrom on neglect or refusal to pay the annual subscription aforesaid.
- To meet annually,** SECT. 3. *BE it further enacted*, That the said Society shall meet, annually, in Eastport, in the month of December, at the time and place their committee may appoint, and shall elect from their members, by ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three other persons, who, together with the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, shall constitute the Standing Committee, who shall meet discretionally, to make pecuniary appropriations, and transact such other business as may require their attention; all which officers shall hold their respective offices one year, and until others shall be elected to succeed them; except in cases of vacancy by death or resignation, in which case, the Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy until the ensuing annual election; and four of them shall form a quorum. The Society shall also meet quarterly at the time and place the Committee shall appoint, who shall give notice of all meetings of the Society, in such manner as may be directed in the by-laws.
- And quarterly.**
- Donations.** SECT. 4. *BE it further enacted*, That the Committee, for the time being, shall have the management and application of the subscriptions, donations, funds, and estate of the Society, to be appropriated solely for the uses of said Society: *Provided*, Such regulations are not repugnant to the laws of this State, or the by-laws of this Society; and no sale or transfer of any real or personal estate of the Society shall be valid, unless approved by the Committee.
- Process how served.** SECT. 5. *BE it further enacted*, That any writ or process against said corporation, may be served by the officer leaving an attested copy thereof with the treasurer of said Society, thirty days before the return day thereof. And the said treasurer, or any person appointed for that purpose, by the Society, or by the committee, may appear by attorney and defend or prosecute any suit in behalf of said Society. And all instruments of conveyance or contract, which may lawfully be made by the Society, shall be approved by the committee, and signed by the president, and countersigned

by the secretary ; and, if necessary, sealed with the common seal of said Society ; and when so executed, shall be binding thereon and valid in law.

SECT. 6. *BE it further enacted*, That Daniel Garland, be, First meeting. and he is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said Society, by giving public notice of the time and place of meeting, by advertisement in the Eastport Sentinel, printed in the town of Eastport, at least seven days prior to such meeting ; and at which meeting the officers of the Society before mentioned, shall be elected, and shall hold their offices until the first annual election of officers shall be holden, agreeably to the provisions of this act.

June 21, 1820.—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

### CHAPTER XV.

AN ACT relating to the collection of county taxes in the Counties of Somerset, Oxford, Hancock, Penobscot and Washington.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That the respective Treasurers of the counties of Somerset, Oxford, Hancock, Penobscot and Washington, be, and they hereby are, empowered to issue their warrants respectively to the respective Sheriffs of said counties, requiring them to collect the said county taxes within said counties respectively, which have been assessed upon the several towns and unincorporated plantations, and other tracts of land unimproved, lying within said counties respectively, since the first day of September, A. D. 1819, or which may hereafter be assessed upon the same ; but upon which townships, or other tracts of unimproved land, there was not, at the settlement of the last valuation, any person residing or Assessors chosen, to whom the said Treasurers could issue their warrants for the assessing and collecting thereof. All which sums are to be collected in the same manner, as Collectors or Constables are directed to proceed in the collecting of taxes assessed on non-resident proprietors of unimproved lands, and to be paid into the Treasury of the respective counties of Somerset, Oxford, Hancock, Penobscot and Washington, according to the warrants issued by the Treasurers of said counties respectively. *Provided*, That deductions shall be made and allowed from said county taxes, in the same ratio, that deductions were made from the State taxes assessed upon said lands by and conformable to a resolve passed the 17th day of February, A. D. 1818.

*Treasurers to issue warrants to Sheriffs to collect taxes on towns and plantations not settled at the last valuation.*

*Proviso.*

June 22, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.