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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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1820.

Sentence may be
executed in a
neighboring
county.

of this act, such Court may order the sentence to be executed in any neighboring county in which there may be a gaol or house of correction, suited to that purpose, and every such convict shall be confined and kept at work in the gaol or house of correction, to which he shall be so committed in like manner in all respects as if the sentence had been passed in the county in which the gaol or house of correction is situated.

Repeal of for-
mer act.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That an act relating to the punishment of convicts, who may be sentenced to solitary imprisonment and confinement to hard labor, adopted by the Constitution of this State be and the same is hereby repealed.

June 27, 1820—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER. XXIII.

AN ACT for the further relief of poor Prisoners committed by Execution for debt.

If judgment
creditor is dead.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That whenever any poor prisoner is or shall be committed by Execution for debt in any of the Prisons of this State, and the judgment creditor is or shall be dead, and two months shall have elapsed since the death of such judgment creditor, without any administration being granted upon his estate, the notice required by law in such case shall be served upon the Attorney of record of such judgment creditor in the suit whereon the judgment was rendered, upon which the execution whereby such debtor stands so committed was issued; and such notice being served upon such Attorney in the same manner and within the same time as notice is to be served in other cases by law, shall be good and effectual to all intents and purposes, as the same would be if duly served upon the judgment creditor if living.

Notices served on
the Attorney of
record.

June 27, 1820.—Approved.

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER XXIV.

AN ACT to incorporate Thomas Cutts and others for the purpose of manufacturing Iron and Steel in the town of Saco.

Persons incor-
porated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That Thomas Cutts, Josiah Calef, and their associates, be and they hereby are

made a corporation by the name of the Saco Iron Works Company, and by that name may sue and be sued; and may have a common seal, and change the same at pleasure; and may make any by-laws for the management of their concerns, not repugnant to the laws of this State; and may hold any real estate in the town of Saco, which may be convenient for the carrying on the manufacture of Nails or any other manufacture of Iron and Steel in said town; such real estate not exceeding the value of fifty thousand dollars; and may also hold any personal estate needful for the employment of such manufactory, and actually employed therein, not exceeding the value of one hundred thousand dollars.

May hold property not to exceed a certain amount.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any shares in said corporation may be alienated by the proprietor thereof, by an assignment thereof in writing on the back of the certificate of such shares, signed by the assignor, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, and by being returned by such assignor to the clerk of the corporation; whose duty it shall be to record the same in a book kept for that purpose, and to issue a new certificate to the assignee.

Shares how alienated

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That when any proprietor shall die possessed of any share or shares in said corporation, his executor, administrator or devisee, upon producing to the clerk of said corporation, such proprietor's certificate or certificates, shall be entitled to receive a new certificate of such shares; and such executor or administrator may sell and convey the same at auction, observing the forms prescribed by law for the sale of shares in corporations when taken in execution as far as the same are applicable.

Executors, &c. may sell shares.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That each share of said corporation shall be entitled to one vote; and any proprietor may vote by proxy duly constituted under his hand and seal; and the majority of votes shall govern, except in cases where said corporation may establish rules requiring the concurrence of two thirds.

Each share to give one vote.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That Thomas Cutts and Josiah Calef, Esquires, or either of them be, and they are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of said corporation, by posting up notifications thereof in two or more public places in the town of Saco, stating the time, place and object of such meeting, giving at least fourteen days notice of the same.

First meeting how called.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the persons who may at any time become holders of any shares or stock in said corporation, shall be chargeable in their private and individual capacity, and shall be holden for the payment of their just proportion of the debts of said corporation, which may accrue during the time of their owning such shares or

Stockholders to be answerable for the debts of the corporation to the amount of their stock.

Proviso.

stock, in proportion to the number of such shares, or the amount of such stock, whenever the property of the corporation shall be found insufficient for the payment of its debts; whether such persons continue to hold any shares or stock in said corporation or not. *Provided, however,* that the private property of such persons shall not be holden to contribute towards the payment of any demand against said corporation, after one year from the day of their ceasing to be members of said corporation. And the goods and estate in the hands of any executor or administrator of the owner of any shares or stock, shall be held in the like manner for the payment of his just proportion of the debts of such corporation which may be due at the time of the decease of the owner of such shares or stock: *Provided,* The property of the corporation shall be found insufficient for the payment of its debts as aforesaid; subject, however, in case of insolvency, to any decree or order of distribution, as prescribed by law for the settlement of insolvent estates.

June 27, 1820.—Approved,

WILLIAM KING.

CHAPTER XXV.

AN ACT to establish a Medical School in this State.

School under the direction of President, &c. of Bowdoin College.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That there be and hereby is established under the control, superintendance and direction of the President and Trustees and Overseers of Bowdoin College, a Medical School for the instruction of Students in Medicine, Anatomy, Surgery, Chemistry, Mineralogy and Botany.

Authorized to appoint Professors.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said President and Trustees and Overseers of Bowdoin College, be, and they hereby are authorized to appoint, and it shall be their duty to appoint, as soon as may be, learned Professors of Medicine, Anatomy, Surgery, Chemistry, Mineralogy and Botany, who shall deliver regular lectures in their respective branches at such times as the corporation shall prescribe.

Grant.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That there be and hereby is granted to the President and Trustees and Overseers of Bowdoin College for the benefit of said Medical School and for procuring the necessary books, plates, preparations and apparatus, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to be paid out of