

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE U. STATES

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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VOL. I.  
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1821.

ing or carrying away any human body, or the remains thereof, such person or persons, so offending, shall, on conviction of such offence, in the Supreme Judicial Court of this State, be imprisoned not more than one year, or fined, not more than one thousand dollars, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence.

for concealing  
any such body.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons knowingly and wilfully receive, conceal, or dispose of any human body, or the remains thereof, which shall have been dug up, removed, or carried away in the manner described in the first Section of this Act, he or they shall be subject to the same forfeitures and penalties, as in said Section is provided, on conviction thereof in the Court aforesaid: *Provided however*, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to affect the power or authority in the Courts of the United States, or of this State, or of any person acting under the authority of the same, in removing or disposing of the bodies of persons executed pursuant to an y sentence of such Court.

Proviso.

Fines, how to  
be appropriated.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all fines, accruing under this Act, shall enure, one half to the informer, and one half to the town in which the offence is committed.

[Approved February 14, 1821.]

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## CHAPTER XVI.

An Act to prevent the arrest of Dead Bodies.

Punishment  
for taking dead  
bodies on  
mesne process  
or execution.

**B***e it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That if any Sheriff, Coroner or Constable, shall take the body of any deceased person, by virtue of any writ, on mesne process or execution, upon conviction of such offence, before the Supreme Judicial Court, or the Circuit Court of Common Pleas, within the County, in which such offence shall have been committed, he shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for a time not exceeding six months.

[Approved March 10, 1821.]