

# 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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CHAPTER XVII.

An Act to prevent Routs, Riots, and Tumultuous Assemblies, and to suppress Insurrections.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That if any number of persons of twelve or more shall be unlawfully, riotously, or tumultuously assembled, and shall not immediately disperse themselves, after having been by any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff or Justice of the Peace of any County, or any Constable of any Town, commanded so to do, in the name of this State, each and every person of such assembly shall be punished by solitary imprisonment, not exceeding one year, and afterwards be confined to hard labour for a term, not exceeding one year, or fined in a sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, to the use of this State; any or all of the above punishments, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Routs, riots and unlawful assemblies.

to disperse when commanded by a Justice, or Sheriff, &c.

Punishment for disobedience.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall disguise himself or themselves, with intention to obstruct the execution of the laws of this State, or to intimidate or interrupt any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Surveyor or other person, in the legal discharge of any office or appointment, under the laws of this State, every such person so disguised shall, on conviction, be fined in a sum, not exceeding five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned, not exceeding one year, or both, according to the aggravation of the offence.

Punishment for being disguised with intent to obstruct the execution of the laws—intimidate officers & others.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever an insurrection shall have taken place, in this State, to obstruct the course of Justice, or the due execution of the laws, the Governor of this State is hereby empowered to detach, and call into actual service, such part of the Militia of the State, as, in his opinion, shall be adequate to suppress the same.

In case of Insurrection Governor may call out the militia.

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