

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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any demand left with such person to be by him collected; or shall pay or assume to pay any debt of any person whatever; or shall purchase any goods or chattels, or shall give or promise any valuable consideration whatever, with an intent thereby to procure and obtain any promissory note, account or other demand, for the purpose of making to himself any gain or profit, from the writs or fees arising in the collecting thereof, by a suit at law; every person so offending shall forfeit and pay a sum, not more than five hundred, nor less than twenty dollars, for each and every offence, to be recovered by indictment in the Supreme Judicial Court; in which case the forfeiture shall enure to the State; or by action before any Court, proper to try the same; in which case the forfeiture shall accrue, one moiety to him or them, who shall first sue and prosecute for the same, and the other moiety to the use of the County where such action may be prosecuted.

Punishment.

Appropriation of penalty.

[Approved February 19, 1821.]

CHAPTER XXI.

An Act to prevent Bribery and Corruption.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That if any person shall directly or indirectly, give or engage to pay, any sum of money, or other valuable consideration to another, in order to induce such other person to procure for him, by his interest, influence or any other means whatsoever, any office or place of trust, within this State, and be thereof convict, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars, at the discretion of the Court which shall have cognizance of the same; and be rendered forever after incapable of sustaining any office or place of trust, within this State.

Penalty for giving a bribe.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person shall receive of another, any sum of money or other valuable consideration, as a reward for procuring or to procure any office or place of trust within this State, for any other per-

Penalty for receiving a bribe.

son, and be thereof convicted, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, nor less than fifty dollars, at the discretion of the Court which shall have cognisance of the same; and if such offender be in any such office, he shall on the conviction, be disabled from holding the same, and be forever after incapable of sustaining any office or place of trust within this State; and for the more easy conviction of such offenders:

Either offending party informing and prosecuting the other, shall be freed from the penalty.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if either the parties offending as aforesaid, shall give information upon oath, against the other offending party, and shall duly prosecute said information; such informer shall be freed from every of the penalties aforesaid. And all offences against this Act shall be heard, tried and determined before the Supreme Judicial Court; and all pecuniary penalties accruing thereby, shall be one third thereof to the informer, and the other two thirds to the State.

Appropriation of penalties.

[Approved March 15, 1821.]

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CHAPTER XXII.

An Act for the protection of the Personal Liberty of the Citizens, and for other purposes.

Punishment for transporting any inhabitant from one part of this State to another, except, &c.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That if any person shall transport or carry, or cause to be transported or carried, any subject of this State, or other person lawfully residing and inhabiting therein, to any part or place without the limits of the same, by land or water, without his consent or voluntary agreement; or in order to remove such person from one part of the State to another part of the same, except for the purpose of defending the same in time of war, agreeable to the Constitution, or except such person be sent by due course of law, to answer for some criminal offence committed in some other of the United States of America; every person so offending, and every person aiding and abetting the same, being duly convicted thereof before the Supreme Judicial Court, shall be punished by fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding two