

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.

CHAPTER LXXXVII.

An Act for admitting Inhabitants of Towns and certain other Corporations as Witnesses.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That in all suits at law whether of a civil or criminal nature, now depending, or that hereafter may be depending in any Court, or before any Justice of the Peace, within this State, wherein any county, town, public corporation, charitable, religious or literary incorporated society, is or may be a party, or interested in the event of the suit, any inhabitant of such county or town or member of such other incorporated society, shall and may be admitted as a competent witness; and his deposition may be used, if duly taken, and for legal cause, in the trial of the cause as well for as against such county, town or other corporation: *Provided*, He hath no other interest therein, than as an inhabitant or member of such county, town or other corporation, and is not otherwise legally disqualified; any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Inhabitants of counties, towns, public corporations, &c. may be admitted as witnesses, in actions where the counties, towns or corporations of which they are inhabitants or members are parties or interested.

Provided they have no other interest nor otherwise disqualified.

[Approved February 28, 1821.]

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CHAPTER LXXXVIII.

An Act regulating Damages on Inland Bills of Exchange.

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That when any Bill of Exchange, drawn or endorsed within this State, payable at any place without the State, and within the United States, and the territories thereof, which upon being duly presented for acceptance or payment, shall not be accepted, or paid, according to the order of said bill, or the terms of said acceptances (if any) and shall thereupon be regularly protested, every person drawing or endorsing such bill within the State, who shall be liable by law for the contents of said bill, to any holder or party thereto, shall, in addition to the contents of said bill, and to the cost and lawful interest, be

In actions on protested Bills of Exchange payable out of this State.