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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 XCVI.

An Act for the further relief of poor Prisoners committed by Execution for debt.

**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.

If Judgment creditor is dead,

notice served on the attorney of record;

[Approved June 27, 1820.]

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CHAPTER XCVII.

An Act to direct the Time and Manner of exhibiting the Accounts of County Treasurers, and the Estimates for County Taxes, and for other purposes.

**SEC. 1.** **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled That the respective Courts of Sessions in the several counties of this State, at the terms of the said Courts holden next before the first day of January annually, shall make up and prepare estimates of taxes for all county charges, equal at least to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue for one year ensuing the said first day of January, including the building and repairing of gaols and Court houses, and their appertences, with the debts due and owed by the said counties respectively; and the said estimates being so made and approved by the said Courts, shall be recorded by the respective Clerks in a book for that purpose to be provided

Courts of Sessions to prepare estimates of county taxes,

to be transmitted to the Secretary of State before the first Monday of January annually.

County Treasurers to exhibit their account annually, with estimates, &c. and deliver them to the Clerks.

Clerks to send them to Secretary of State, &c.

Treasurers, Attornies and Sheriffs to exhibit annually to Court of Sessions account of money, &c.

Courts authorized to adjust them and cause payment of balances.

C. Courts of Com. Pleas to allow and order payment of accounts of incidental expenses in said Courts.

and kept; and a fair copy of the said estimates shall be signed by the Chief Justice or senior Justice presiding in the said Courts, and attested by the Clerks thereof; and the said Clerks respectively shall transmit the same to the office of the Secretary of the State, on or before the first day of January annually, so that the said estimates may be laid before the Legislature for their approbation, at the session thereof which may be thereafter next holden.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Treasurers of the several counties, be, and they are hereby directed to prepare and exhibit their accounts as county Treasurers annually, to the close of every year, to be accompanied with the estimates for county taxes, being first allowed and approved by the said Courts; and it shall be the duty of the said Treasurers to deliver the said accounts to the said Clerks of the Courts aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the said Clerks to inclose and seal up the said Treasurers' accounts with the said estimate, and transmit them to the office of the Secretary of the State, that they may be examined and allowed by the Legislature, at the same time with the said estimates for county taxes.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several county Treasurers, county Attornies, Sheriffs, and all other persons holding money or effects belonging to their respective counties, annually, or oftener, if thereunto required, to exhibit an account of the same to the said Court of Sessions; at such times as they shall appoint: and the same Courts are authorized to examine and adjust such accounts, and to make a reasonable allowance for all such services as are not provided for by law; and on settlement to cause the balances which shall be found due to be paid into, or from, (as the case may be) the several county Treasuries.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the several Circuit Courts of Common Pleas in this State, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to receive, examine, and allow the accounts, and order payment out of the Treasury of their respective counties, for services and expenses incident to said Courts, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

[Approved March 10, 1821.]