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**L A W S**

OF THE

**S T A T E O F M A I N E ;**

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

**C O N S T I T U T I O N O F T H E U . S T A T E S**

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

**W I T H A N A P P E N D I X .**

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may sell so much of such property, as may be necessary to repay the expenses incurred for such pauper. And if any part of such property shall be withheld from said Overseers, they shall have the same remedy for the recovery of such property; or the value thereof, that an administrator of the estate of said pauper might have in like case.

SEC. 21. *Be it further enacted,* That in all actions and prosecutions by complaint founded on this Act, for or against any town, or against any individual, the Overseers of the poor thereof, or any person, by writing, under their hands, appointed, shall and may appear, prosecute or defend the same to final judgment and execution, in behalf of such town; and every act and thing required or authorized by them to be done by this Act, may be done by them, or the major part of them.

SEC. 22. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person shall bring and leave any poor and indigent person in any town in this State, wherein such pauper is not lawfully settled, knowing him to be poor and indigent; he shall forfeit and pay the sum of sixty dollars for every such offence; to be sued for and recovered by, and to the use of such town, by action of debt, in any Court proper to try the same.

SEC. 23. *Be it further enacted,* That the plantations in this State, be and they hereby are, empowered to raise money for the relief and support of the poor therein; to be applied by the Assessors thereof; and all monies accruing for licenses as aforesaid, in plantations, shall be paid into the respective treasuries thereof for this purpose.

[Approved March 21, 1821.]

## CHAPTER CXXIII.

An Act to prevent the introduction of Paupers from foreign ports or places.

**BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That when any ship or vessel having any passengers on board, who have no settlement within this State, shall arrive at any port or harbour within the State, the master of such ship or vessel shall, before such passengers come on shore, leave a list of their

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names and places of residence with the Selectmen or Overseers of the poor of the town where such passengers shall arrive. And the master of such ship or vessel shall not land any such persons, without the permission of the Selectmen unless he shall enter into bonds with sufficient sureties, to the satisfaction of said Selectmen, in a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars for each passenger, to indemnify and save harmless such town as well as the State from all manner of charge and expense, which may arise from such passengers, for and during the term of three years; and if the master of any such ship or vessel shall land any such passengers, without entering their names and giving bonds as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of two hundred dollars for each passenger so landed, to be recovered by action of debt, by any person who shall sue for the same, one moiety thereof to the use of the State, and the other moiety to the prosecutor: *Provided*, That this Act shall not take effect, until the first day of October next, and that nothing in this Act shall be construed to extend to the master of any ship or vessel, in any voyage, on which such ship or vessel, may now be employed.

[Approved June 27, 1820.]

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#### CHAPTER CXXIV.

An Act for erecting Work Houses for the reception and employment of the Idle and Indigent.

Towns may  
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houses;

SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That when any town in this State shall see meet to erect or provide a house for the reception, support, and employment of the idle and indigent, such town shall be, and hereby is fully authorized and empowered this to do; and the towns aforesaid, as well as those who have already erected such houses, are hereby empowered, at their annual meeting, for the choice of town officers, to choose three, five, seven, or more Overseers of the said house; who shall have the inspection and government thereof, with full power of appointing a master, and needful assistants for the more immediate care and oversight

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