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OF THE

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

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE U. STATES

AND OF SAID STATE,

IN TWO VOLUMES,

WITH AN APPENDIX.

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of their respective duties, and to hold their offices during the pleasure of the association; and the said members of the bar so notified and met, to the number of five or more, shall at their first meeting prescribe the mode of calling future meetings of said association, and establish such rules and regulations as may be found necessary from time to time, to carry the purposes of this Act into effect, not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State; and at all future meetings the oldest member of the bar residing within said county, who is present, shall preside.

[Approved January 27, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXLII.

An Act concerning Plates for Printing Bank notes.

No bills of five dollars and under, to be issued by any bank unless printed from stereotype plates.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That no bills of the denomination of one, two, three, four, and five dollars, shall be issued or emitted by the president, directors and company of any incorporated Bank within this State, unless the said bills shall be printed and impressed from stereotype steel plates; from which plates original impressions of the bills of the several denominations aforesaid shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of the State of Maine; nor unless the said bills of the denomination of five dollars shall have on the back of the same an impression from the check plates, one of the impressions from which shall be also deposited in the office of said Secretary of this State.

Original impressions of the bills to be lodged in secretary's office. Backs of 5 dollar bills to be impressed by check plates, &c.

Plates to be kept in bank vault,

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all plates used by any incorporated Bank within this State, for the purpose of making impressions of bills or notes issued by such Bank, shall at all times be kept in the vaults of said Bank, when not in actual use for making impressions of bills or notes as aforesaid: and whenever the same plate or plates shall be wanted for the purposes aforesaid, the same shall not be taken from the vaults of the Bank aforesaid but in the presence of the president, a director or the cashier of said Bank; and the same plates shall be returned every night to the vaults of said Bank, in the presence of the president, a director or the

to be taken out only in presence of president, director or cashier, and returned every night, &c.

cashier of said Bank as aforesaid; and during all the time they shall be out of said vaults, they shall be in the sole custody, and be used only in the presence of such president, director or cashier.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person shall have in his possession any plate or plates, used for making impressions of Bank bills or notes, contrary to the provisions of this Act; or having the same in custody under the authority of this Act, shall put the same out of his custody; or shall suffer the same to be used out of his presence; or shall not return the same to such vault every night, as herein before provided, and be thereof convicted upon indictment in any Court of competent jurisdiction, such person shall forfeit and pay to the use of the State a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars, or be punished by imprisonment in the common gaol; or confinement to hard labour, for a term not exceeding ten years, at the discretion of the Court, before whom the conviction may be: *Provided however*, That it shall be lawful for Abraham Perkins, owner of the stereotype plate used for printing Bank bills, to keep possession of the said plate and use the same, in the same manner as by law he might do, if this Act had not been passed.

Penalty for having plates, &c. in possession contrary to this act.

Proviso in favour of Abraham Perkins.

[Approved March 13, 1821.]

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CHAPTER CXLIII.

An Act to enforce the payment of Bank Notes, and for other purposes.

SEC. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That if any incorporated Bank within this State, shall refuse or neglect to pay on demand any bill or bills by such Bank issued, such Bank shall be liable to pay to the holder of such bill or bills, after the rate of two per cent. per month, on the amount thereof, from and after the time of such neglect or refusal; to be recovered as additional damages in any action against such Bank for the recovery of said bill or bills.

Penalty on banks for not paying their bills.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That no incorporated Bank in this State, shall issue any bill, note, check or draft, payable at any place other than said Bank, unless the same shall

Bills must be payable where issued.