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**PRIVATE ACTS**

OF THE

**STATE OF MAINE,**

**PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE,**

*AT THEIR SESSIONS,*

HELD IN

**JUNE, 1820, AND JANUARY, 1821.**

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1821.

and have concurrent jurisdiction with this State.

the use and appropriation aforesaid, the jurisdiction of such tracts of land, not exceeding ten acres for each light house, shall be, and hereby is ceded to the United States, saving and providing always that all civil and criminal processes issued under the authority of this State, shall have full force and effect within the said tracts of land, and any buildings which shall be there erected : this cession of jurisdiction notwithstanding.

If the agent of United States cannot agree with the owners for the price,

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if the agent or person employed for the United States and the owner, or owners of any tract or tracts of land which shall be found necessary, and convenient for said light houses, cannot agree in the sale and purchase thereof, such agent or person may apply to any Court of Sessions, which shall be holden within and for the county wherein such land lies, who shall appoint a committee of three disinterested freeholders to determine what sum is a just equivalent to the owner or owners of such land, which committee shall be sworn by some Justice of the Peace, for the faithful performance of their trust, and shall forthwith proceed to view, set off, and appraise, such tract or tracts of land, and shall make return of their doings to the same Court, and the amount of such appraisement, being paid to the owner or owners of the land appraised, and set off by such committee, or if the owner or owners shall not appear or shall refuse to receive the same, the money shall be paid to such person or corporation for the use of such owner or owners, as the Court shall direct; the tract or tracts of land so set off shall be vested in the United States, and may be taken, possessed, and appropriated for the uses aforesaid: *Provided,* That all charges of such application and appraisement shall be paid by the United States.

the Court of Sessions may appoint a committee to appraise the land,

and the amount being paid by the United States the land shall be set off by the committee.

[*This Act passed March 19, 1821.*]

## CHAPTER LXXXIII.

AN ACT to incorporate the Trustees of the School and Ministerial Fund in the town of Canton.

Persons incorporated.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Abiathar Austin, Joel Howard, Joseph Holland, Gustavus Hayford, Alanson Cary, Daniel Austin and John Hearsey, be, and they hereby are appointed Trustees of the School and Ministerial Fund in the town of Canton, and that they be, and hereby are incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the School and Ministerial Fund, in the town of Canton ;

with power to sue and be sued, to have a common seal, and change the same, to make any by-laws for the management of their affairs not repugnant to the laws of the State; and to receive from the Trustees of the School and Ministerial Fund, in the town of Jay, such portion of the Jay School and Ministerial Fund as is provided for in the fourth section of an act entitled "An Act to divide the town of Jay, and incorporate the westerly part thereof into a town by the name of Canton"; and also to take, hold and possess any other real or personal estate to the value of five thousand dollars.

May hold property to the amount of five thousand dollars

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the number of said Trustees shall not at any time be more than seven nor less than five, and not less than two thirds of there number shall constitute a quorum for doing business, and said Trustees shall have power to remove any member of their board who shall have become incapable of discharging his duty, from age, or any other cause; and to fill all vacancies that may happen therein by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, by electing suitable persons, within the town of Canton, to fill such vacancies; and said corporation shall annually elect a President, Clerk and Treasurer, and the Clerk and Treasurer thereof shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and the Treasurer shall give bonds to the Trustees for the faithful performance of his duty.

Number of the trustees.

May remove members,

and fill vacancies.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Trustees, be, and they hereby are authorised and empowered to sell and convey all the School or Ministerial lands that may belong to said town of Canton, and any deed thereof signed, sealed, delivered and acknowledged by the Treasurer, and by the direction of the Trustees, shall be good and effectual in law to pass the same lands to the purchaser.

Authorised to sell the ministerial or school lands,

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the principal of said fund, and all monies arising from such sale, shall, as soon as may be, be loaned by said Trustees on bonds or notes secured by mortgage of real estate, or by two or more sufficient sureties, and the interest arising therefrom shall be annually applied, for the use of schools and towards the support of public religious worship in said town of Canton, as shall also be applied the income arising from all donations which may hereafter be made to said town or Trustees for the above purposes, in such way and manner as said town may direct, and said town shall never alienate said funds or alter the said appropriation thereof.

and to loan the money.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That said Trustees and their successors, shall exhibit to the town of Canton, at their annual meeting for the choice of town officers, a true statement of their doings, and neither said Trustees nor their officers

Trustees to render annually their accounts to the town,

shall receive any compensation for their services out of said funds, but shall be paid for the same services by said town.

and to be responsible for the faithful performance of their duties.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That said trustees shall be responsible to the town of Canton, for the faithful discharge of their duty, and shall be liable to pay all damages occasioned by their misconduct or negligence to be recovered by an action of the case, in any Court competent to try the same, by the said town of Canton, and for the use of the Schools and the support of religious worship therein as aforesaid.

First meeting.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That any Justice of the Peace in the county of Oxford, be, and he hereby is authorised to fix the time and place of holding the first meeting of said Trustees, and to notify each of said Trustees thereof.

[*This Act passed March 19, 1821.*]

#### CHAPTER LXXXIV.

AN ACT restricting the Castine Bank in negotiating business as a banking corporation, and providing for the collection of their debts, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by a Resolve of the fifteenth of June last, a Committee was appointed to inquire into the transactions and condition of the Castine Bank, and has since made a report to this Legislature; and whereas the President, Directors and Company of said bank, were notified by virtue of a joint order of the Senate and House of Representatives to appear before the Legislature on the fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and shew cause why it should not be determined, on the facts contained in the report of said Committee, and other facts produced, that said Corporation had exceeded the rules, limitations, or restrictions, or had failed to perform the conditions of their act of incorporation: which order of notice was duly served on said corporation, as appears by the return of the Sheriff of the County of Hancock thereon. And on the day therein named at the written request of the Directors of said Bank residing at Castine, a person appeared before a Committee appointed by the Legislature for the purpose of hearing said corporation, but said corporation did not in any way controvert or disprove the facts contained in said report. And whereas it appears from said report that said bank stopped payment in specie, on the twenty-second day of May last, and has ever since neglected and refused to redeem its bills in specie when presented at the bank, which neglect and refusal so continued, constitute good cause for