

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# **PUBLIC ACTS**

OF THE

# **STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED BY THE

**FOURTH LEGISLATURE,**

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1824.

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such owner or occupant to flow such lands during any portion of the period in which said commissioners or Jury shall determine that the same ought not to be flowed. And the Court shall have power to award reasonable compensation to such commissioners, which shall be taxed in the bill of costs, to be recovered by the party prevailing.

Compensation  
to Commissioners.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the fourth and fifth sections of "an Act for the support and regulation of Mills," be, and the same hereby are repealed.

Repeal of part  
of former law.

[*This Act passed February 14, 1824.*]

## CHAPTER CCLXII.

AN ACT additional to an Act for rendering the decisions of civil causes as speedy and as little expensive as possible.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That any one of the referees appointed in pursuance of the act to which this is additional, and any one of the referees appointed by rule of Court, and any auditor or auditors appointed pursuant to law, by any of the Judicial Courts in the State, be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to administer the necessary oaths or affirmations to all such witnesses as may be brought before them to testify relating to any matters and things submitted to said referees or auditors; and either of the referees appointed or agreed upon by the parties to a rule under the provisions of the act aforesaid, may also take the acknowledgment of the parties to the submission of their dispute to said referees.

Any one of  
referees may  
take acknowl-  
edgment of  
parties and  
swear witness-  
es before them.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if any witness, sworn or affirmed pursuant to the provisions of this act, shall knowingly testify falsely, and be thereof duly convicted in the Supreme Judicial Court, he shall be adjudged guilty of perjury, and be liable and subject to all the pains, penalties, forfeitures and disabilities thereto by law incident.

Witnesses in  
such cases  
swearing false-  
ly, guilty of  
perjury.

[*This Act passed February 14, 1824.*]