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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

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CHAPTER CCLXIX.

AN ACT respecting elections of Representatives in classed districts.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That where towns and plantations are or may be classed for the purpose of choosing a Representative, it shall be the duty of the selectmen of the oldest town in said district, or the assessors of the oldest plantation, where there is no incorporated town in such district, to notify the selectmen of towns, and assessors of plantations in their respective districts, of the time and place of meeting for the purpose of examining copies of the list of votes for a Representative, in the manner prescribed in the Constitution; and such time so notified in manner aforesaid, shall continue to be the same annually, until otherwise ordered, and notified in manner aforesaid; and for the purpose of examining the list aforesaid, one selectman of any town, and one assessor of any plantation, only, shall be required to attend from each town and plantation classed as aforesaid for the foregoing purpose.

Selectmen, &c. of oldest town or plantation in classed districts to notify the others of time and place of meeting to examine votes.

Such time to continue until altered in like manner.

One selectman or assessor from each town, &c. sufficient to examine votes.

[*This Act passed February 21, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCLXX.

AN ACT additional to an act providing for the due observation of the Lord's day.

SECT. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That whenever any society or assembly of people shall or may assemble or meet together for religious worship, any Justice of the Peace within and for the county where such meeting may be held, be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to cause to be arrested any person or persons who may be found offending in the manner pointed out in the act to which this is additional, and to cause such person or persons to be detained in custody until the close of said meeting, or until a trial for such offences can be had according to law.

Justices of the Peace may cause persons disturbing public worship to be arrested and detained for trial.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of all Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Grand Jurors, and Tythingmen, who shall or may be present at the public worship of any religious society, which may be interrupted or disturbed, as mentioned in the act aforesaid, to apprehend any and every such person, so offending, and take him or them, as soon as conveniently may be, before some Justice of the Peace of the county, wherein such offence shall have been committed, in order that the person or persons so offending, may be dealt with according to law.

Sheriffs & other officers to apprehend persons disturbing public worship.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall sell or expose to sale, within one mile from any assembly of people met for religious worship, during the time of such meeting, any ardent spirits, wine, beer, cider, or any other liquors or refreshments, or open any booth or tent for such purpose; or shall exhibit any shows or plays, or aid in any horse racing, gaming or other sports, he or they, so offending, shall be dealt with as provided in the first section of this act: And all such liquors and refreshments, and the carriages and vessels containing the same, may be taken into custody by order of any Justice of the Peace, in and for the county where such meeting may be held, and detained until the close thereof, then to be delivered on demand to the owners thereof.

Penalty for selling &c. spirits & liquors near places of religious worship.

Liquors, &c. may be sequestered until close of meetings.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the said Justices, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables, Grand Jurors and Tythingmen, who may be present at such meeting, be, and they hereby are authorized, whenever persons are found offending in the manner herein named, to call to their aid any person or persons who may be present at such meeting; and it shall be the duty of such persons when thus called upon, to assist the officers aforesaid in the exercise of their duty herein prescribed, under the pains and penalties provided in the act defining the general powers and duties of Sheriffs and Constables.

Officers may compel aid in discharge of duty required as above.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prohibit any

Proviso in favor of regular licensed hours.

licensed retailers or innholders from the pursuit of their ordinary business, in the usual course thereof, in their usual places of prosecuting the same.

[*This Act passed February 21, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCLXXI.

AN ACT to prevent foreigners from cutting Timber on the lands belonging to the Passamaquoddy Indians.

No foreigners allowed to purchase timber, &c. on township of Passamaquoddy Indians.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That, from and after the passing of this act, no person who is a citizen or subject of any foreign government, shall be allowed to purchase, cut or carry off any trees, timber, or grass, standing or growing on the township reserved for the benefit of the Passamaquoddy Indians ; and if any agent or agents who now are, or may be hereafter appointed to have the care and management of the property of said Indians, shall give any permit to any citizen or subject of any foreign government, to cut or carry off any trees, timber, or grass, on the township aforesaid, he or they shall forfeit and pay a fine, not more than five hundred dollars, nor less than one hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt, in any Court proper to try the same ; one half to the use of the State, and the other half to the use of the person or persons prosecuting in behalf thereof.

Penalty for Indian agents giving license to cut or carry away such timber, &c.

[*This Act passed February 23, 1824.*]

CHAPTER CCLXXII.

AN ACT additional to an Act regulating damages on Inland Bills of Exchange.

Days of grace allowed on bills, &c. discounted or left for collection at Bank.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the maker or makers of any promissory note, and the acceptor or acceptors of any inland bill of exchange, draft, or order for the payment of money only, hereafter to be