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PUBLIO AOTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FOURTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1824.

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more than one retail shop or store, for the purpose of selling wine, beer, ale, cider, brandy, rum or any strong liquors, on pain of forfeiting the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered upon information or indictment in any Court competent to try the same. to the use of the county where the offence was committed.

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Sect. 3. Be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Constables and sons to give Tythingmen to give information to the Selectmen information a- and Assessors of their respective towns and plantations, of all persons whom they shall know to be addicted to the several offences, vices and evil habits, described in the seventh section of the act to which this is in addition, in order that said Selectmen and Assessors may proceed with such persons, as prescribed in said seventh section: And it is hereby enjoined upon all the good citizens of this State to give such information to the Selectmen and Assessors of their respective towns and plantations for the purposes aforesaid.

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Sect. 4. Be it further enacted, That if any retailer, Innholders &c. innholder or common victualler, shall violate any of convic.ed of the provisions of the act to which this is additional, cense law, not and shall be thereof convicted before any Court of renewed for 2 competent jurisdiction, such retailer, innhol er or common victualler, shall not have his license renewed for the term of two years: Provided. This act shall not take effect until the first day of September next.

[This Act passed February 25, 1824.]

CHAPTER CCLXXIX.

AN ACT altering the times of holding the Court of Common Pleas, in the county of Oxford.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That, from and and after the first day of April next, the Court of Com-Moyamber. mon Pleas for the county of Oxford, shall be held annually at Paris, on the second Tuesday of June, and on the fourth Tuesday of November, instead of the times now established by law: and all matters and things which may be pending in, or returnable to said Court, when this Act shall take effect, shall be returned to, have day in, and be acted upon at the term of said Court, which is, pursuant to this Act, to be held at said Paris, on the second Tuesday of June next.

[This Act passed February 25, 1824.]

CHAPTER CCLXXX.

AN ACT to promote the sale and settlement of public lands.

Sect. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Townships, such townships of land belonging to the State as suitable for settlement and cultivation, shall surveyed and be surveyed and divided into lots of one hundred allotted; acres each, as nearly as may be; and the land so and sold to surveyed and allotted shall be sold to such persons settlers only. only, as may wish to become actual settlers. And Grant to the the first forty settlers in any township shall have each first 40 settlers. a lot of one hundred acres, wherever he may wish to make a selection of land not contracted for, at thirty cents per acre, one half to be paid in money at the time of contracting, and the other half to be paid in labor in making roads in said town, under the direction of the agent.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That any per-Definition of an actual secson who shall enter on any of the land aforesaid, un-tler. der contract, and clear in a good and workmanlike manner, fifteen acres at least, ten of which shall be well laid down to grass, and build a house and fix his residence thereon, with his family, if any he have, within four years from the time of contracting, shall be deemed to be an actual settler, within the meaning of this Act; and shall be entitled to a good and sufficient deed from the State, he having