

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

# FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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What description of Beef may be packed, and branded "Navy Mess."

choice pieces of oxen, steers, cows and heifers, of three years old and upwards, weighing four hundred pounds or more, and to average five hundred and fifty pounds; the shin, shoulder, clod, and neck, shall be taken from the fore quarters, and the legs and leg rand from the hind quarters; the beef to be cut into pieces of as nearly ten pounds as possible, and branded "Navy Mess," and in other cases to conform to the present inspection law for the inspection of beef.

[*This Act passed February 10, 1825.*]

## CHAPTER CCXCII.

AN additional Act for regulating Ferries.

Duty of Ferry-men to level ice, &c. in certain cases, at expense of the county.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That, at the several Ferries in this State, where the tide ebbs and flows, and the waters are so frozen over at times as to admit a passage on the ice, it shall be the duty of all ferrymen so to level the ice, and repair and amend the road or passage way over the same, from day to day, that the same may be at all such times, safe and convenient for travellers, with their teams, sleds and sleighs; at the proper charge and expense of the county in which such ferry may be.

Compensation to be fixed by the Court of Sessions. Said duty to be provided for in their bonds.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the several ferrymen, who shall be obliged to perform the services mentioned in the preceding section, shall receive such compensation therefor, as the Court of Sessions, in the county where such services may be performed, shall order. And whenever, hereafter, the said Court shall take bonds of such ferrymen, as required in the fourth section of the act to which this is in addition, it shall provide, in and by such bond, for the faithful performance of the additional duties and services required in this additional act. And every such ferryman, for each neglect to do and perform the duties herein required, shall forfeit

and pay ten dollars ; one moiety thereof to the use of the county in which such ferry may be, and the other moiety to him or them who shall inform and sue for the same ; and be further liable to pay in an action on the case, all such special damages, as any person shall sustain by such neglect.

Penalty for neglect.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force from and after the first day of August next.

When in force.

[*This Act passed February 10, 1825.*]

### CHAPTER CCXCIII.

AN ACT additional to "An Act to prevent fraud in Fire Wood, Bark, or Coal, exposed to sale.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That whenever any wood, bark, or charcoal, may be sold by the cord, foot, or load, in any town in this State, which may be stowed or loaded in such a manner as to prevent surveyors of wood and bark from examining the middle of the load, and it shall appear on delivery of the same, that said wood, bark, or charcoal, has been stowed, with a view of obtaining payment for a greater quantity than there was, in fact, in said load, and with evident intent to defraud the purchaser, the person so selling said wood, bark, or charcoal, or the owner thereof, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars, for the use of the county, in which said penalty may have been incurred, together with costs of prosecution ; to be recovered before any Justice of the Peace in said town.

In case of evident intent to defraud, the seller shall forfeit not exceeding five dollars.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any charcoal brought into any town for sale, may be measured and sold by the cord or foot, estimating the cord at ninety six bushels, whenever the purchaser and seller may mutually agree to the same ; and the measurers of wood and bark in any town, shall be measurers of charcoal, in the same ; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Charcoal may be sold by cord &c.

[*This Act passed February 15, 1825.*]