

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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assigned as the share of said district, for incidental repairs of its school house, and necessary utensils for the same.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That notice of district meetings may be given, by posting up an attested copy of the warrant therefor, seven days at least before the meeting, in two public places, in the town or plantation; one of which at least shall be in the district where the meeting is to be holden.

Notice by posting up copy of Warrant.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the agent of every school district, to give notice to some one of the superintending school committee, of the town or plantation, including such district within its limits, on or before the opening of every town or plantation school, of the time the school commences, and the time for which the instructor is engaged therein, and it shall be the duty of one or more of the superintending school committee, to visit each school within the town or plantation, at least twice during the term for which such school is kept, once within three weeks from the commencement of such school, and once within two weeks before the close thereof.

Agent shall give notice to S. S. Committee of the time the school commences.

SECT. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to furnish blank returns to the selectmen of towns and the assessors of plantations, agreeably to the provisions of the fifth section of this act, at such times, and in such quantities, as may be found necessary.

Secretary of State to furnish blanks.

[*This Act passed February 25, 1825.*]

CHAPTER CCCXII.

AN ACT in addition to an Act to prevent and punish trespasses.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That if any person shall wilfully and maliciously injure or destroy any building or other fixture, not having the consent of the owner thereof, or shall wilfully and maliciously destroy, injure or secrete any goods,

chattels, or valuable papers, not his own, every such offender, on conviction in the Supreme Judicial Court, or Court of Common Pleas, shall be punished by fine, not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the common jail, not exceeding one year, at the discretion of the Court: And every person so offending, shall also be liable to the party injured, in a sum equal to three times the value of the property so destroyed or injured, in an action of trespass.

Penalty for injuring or destroying any building, &c.

Person offending, liable to pay treble damages.

Actions to be commenced within 4 years.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all prosecutions for breaches of this act, and also for breaches of the act to which this is additional, shall and may be commenced within four years from the time the offence shall have been committed.

[*This Act passed February 26, 1825.*]

CHAPTER CCCXIII.

AN ACT authorizing the town of Portland to assess a tax on the owners of dogs.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That whenever the town of Portland, at any legal town meeting of the inhabitants thereof, in the month of March or April, in any year, shall decide, by a majority of votes, that it is expedient to lay a tax on the owners of dogs for such year, it shall and may be lawful for the assessors thereof to assess upon each inhabitant, owning or keeping a dog in said town, the sum of three dollars, which shall be collected in the same manner that other town taxes are, and the proceeds thereof applied to the support of the poor of said town: *Provided however*, That an article for that purpose shall have been inserted in the warrant for calling the town meeting at which such vote may have passed.

Town of Portland at their annual meeting may vote to tax the owners of dogs.

Proviso.

[*This Act passed February 26, 1825.*]