

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1825.

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Portland :

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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.

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

Proviso.

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.

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