

# 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.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF THE 28TH OF JUNE, 1820.

Portland :

PRINTED BY TODD AND SMITH.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.  
1825.

## CHAPTER CCCXIV.

AN ACT providing for the distribution of copies of the Constitution of this State, and of the United States, to be used in Schools.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to cause to be printed ten thousand copies of the Constitution of the United States, and of this State, bound together in spelling book form and execution, for the use of schools, and to be by him distributed to the selectmen of the several towns, and the assessors of the several plantations, in the State, in a ratio proportioned to their population, with due regard to the probable number and increase of scholars in the several towns and plantations.

Ten thousand copies to be printed.

How distributed.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the selectmen of towns, and the assessors of plantations, receiving such books, shall entrust them to the instructors of the schools in the several districts, in proportion to the number of scholars; and it is hereby made the duty of said instructors, to cause the said books to be used and read in their several schools, and also, when and where it may be practicable, from the age and advancement in study of their pupils, to cause the same to be committed to memory.

Duty of Selectmen & Assessors,

and of Instructors.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the instructors of schools, in the several school districts, who may have received from the selectmen or assessors, copies of the book, as aforesaid, shall, on their leaving the charge of such schools, return them to the selectmen or assessors of whom they were received, and by whom they shall be safely kept until new teachers are employed, or delivered to their successors in office.

Copies to be returned to the Selectmen or Assessors, by Instructors.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to carry the purposes aforesaid into effect.

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