

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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bond, or evidence of debt, knowing that such person is not entitled to receive the same, such officer shall suffer such punishment as is hereinafter provided.

Any guardian who shall embezzle money, shall suffer punishment.

SECT. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That if any guardian, having the charge and custody of any money, bill, note, bond, evidence of debt, or any property whatever, belonging to his ward or wards, shall, in violation of his trust embezzle the same, or fraudulently convert the same to his own use, he shall suffer such punishment as is hereinafter provided.

Person convicted, how punished.

SECT. 9. *Be it further enacted*, That any person, offending in manner prohibited in this act, shall on conviction thereof before the Supreme Judicial Court, be punished by fine, not exceeding five thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both, according to the circumstances and aggravation of the offence.

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

CHAPTER CCCXVI.

AN ACT additional to "An Act to promote the sale and settlement of Public Lands."

Land Agent authorized to sell to actual settlers.

Conditions of sale.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That the Land Agent be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey to actual settlers, the public lands in any township belonging to this State, in the manner following, viz. To the first ten settlers, one hundred acres each, for twenty dollars per hundred acres; to the second ten settlers, one hundred acres each, for thirty dollars per hundred acres; to the third ten settlers, one hundred acres each, for forty dollars per hundred acres; to the fourth ten settlers, one hundred acres each, for fifty dollars per hundred acres; and to the fifth ten settlers, one hundred acres each, for sixty dollars per hundred acres; one half of the said amount to be paid in labor, to be laid out in making roads in,

and through, the respective townships taken up by such settlers, under the direction of the Land Agent; the remaining half to be paid in money on contracting.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said agent be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sell in lots not exceeding one mile square, any meadow, bog, or waste land, which does not fall under the denomination of settling or timber land, either at auction or private sale, as in his opinion shall best promote the interest of the State; and to execute good and sufficient deeds of the same, to the purchasers.

Land Agent
may sell mead-
ow and waste
land.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said agent be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sell timber on the public lands, where the same is decaying, and in his opinion it is for the public interest so to do.

May sell tim-
ber.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Part of former
act repealed.

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

CHAPTER CCCXVII.

AN ACT in addition to an Act, entitled "An Act respecting Pounds, and impounding Beasts going at large, or damage feasant."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That the provisions contained in the eighth, ninth and tenth sections of the act to which this is in addition, be, and the same are hereby extended to the case of beasts impounded for doing damage in the tillage, mowing, or other lands, of any person under improvement, whether enclosed with a legal and sufficient fence or not : *Provided*, Such impounding be lawful, according to the principles of the common law.

Provisions ex-
tended to cer-
tain cases,
whether fence
be legal or not.

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