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# **PUBLIC ACTS**

OF THE

# **STATE OF MAINE,**

PASSED BY THE

# **SIXTH LEGISLATURE,**

**AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1826.**

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CHAPTER CCCXXXI.

AN ACT in addition to "An Act respecting Engine Men, Fire Engines, and the extinguishment of Fire."

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That* whenever, hereafter, the inhabitants of any town within this State, shall purchase, obtain, or possess, for their use, any Fire Engine, that may require a greater number of men to work the same, than are attached to the Engines now in common use, that the Selectmen of any such town be, and are hereby authorized, if they judge it expedient, to nominate and appoint a number of suitable persons, not exceeding thirty-two, to be engine men, who shall be liable to all the duties and penalties, and entitled to all the privileges and exemptions, of the Act aforesaid, to which this is in addition.

Additional Enginemen may be appointed by Selectmen of towns in certain cases.

[Approved by the Governor, March 3, 1826.]

CHAPTER CCCXXXII.

AN ACT additional to "An Act establishing the duties to be paid by certain officers therein named."

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That* so much of the Act, to which this is in addition, as requires each Coroner to pay a duty of three dollars, be, and hereby is repealed.

Duty on commissions of Coroners repealed.

[Approved by the Governor, March 4, 1826.]

CHAPTER CCCXXXIII.

AN ACT to prevent intemperance at Elections.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That* no person shall be allowed to sell or expose to sale within the limits of two hundred rods from any place where the inhabitants of any

No strong liquors to be exposed to sale on election days within 200 rods of place of meeting.

town or plantation in this State, shall or may be assembled, for the purposes of state, county, town or plantation elections, or other public business, any rum, brandy, gin, wine or any other strong liquors, or erect or open any booth or tent for that purpose; and if any such liquors, or any carriages or vessels containing the same, or any booths or tents shall be erected within the limits aforesaid, the same shall be liable to be seized and taken into custody, by order of any Justice of the Peace, Selectmen of the towns or Assessors of the plantations where the same vessels, liquors or materials may be, for the purposes aforesaid, who may be present or have knowledge of the violation of any of the provisions aforesaid of this Act: And all such liquors, vessels, carriages and other materials above mentioned, may be held and detained until twenty-four hours after the adjournment of any public meeting held as aforesaid, then to be delivered on demand, to the lawful owners thereof, or the person from whom said articles were taken, after payment of three dollars for their safe keeping: *Provided however,* That no part of this Act shall be so construed as to prohibit any licensed Innholders or Retailers from the pursuit of their ordinary business, in their usual places of prosecuting the same.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if the owner or owners of the articles above mentioned, or some person or persons by them duly authorized, shall not within twenty-four hours after the same shall have been seized as aforesaid, make demand thereof, of the person having them in custody, as aforesaid, the same shall be exposed to sale at auction, by the officer seizing them, and shall be sold to the highest bidder, at such auction, after forty-eight hours notice of the time and place of sale shall have been posted in two or more public places in the town or plantation where the seizure aforesaid shall be made; and the proceeds of sale, after the expenses of taking and keeping, and of such sale, are deducted, shall

Booths, tents, liquors, vessels, &c. liable to seizure and detention.

Penalty.

Exception as to Innholders, &c.

Mode of disposing of articles seized and not claimed.

be paid over to the owner or owners, or the person from whom the articles were taken, on demand.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1826.*]

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#### CHAPTER CCCXXXIV.

AN ACT to establish the times of holding the Courts of Sessions in the County of Penobscot.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That, from and after the passing of this Act, the Court of Sessions, within and for the county of Penobscot, shall be held at Bangor, on the first Tuesdays in April and September, and on the second Tuesday in December, annually, instead of being held at the times now established by law.*

Courts of Sessions in Penobscot—times of holding.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1826.*]

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#### CHAPTER CCCXXXV.

AN ACT altering the terms of the Court of Common Pleas in Lincoln County.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That, from and after the fourth Tuesday of April next, the Court of Common Pleas, within and for the county of Lincoln, shall be held annually at Wiscasset, on the fourth Tuesday of December; at Warren, on the fourth Tuesday of April, and at Topsham, on the fourth Tuesday of August, instead of the terms now established by law.*

Common Pleas in Lincoln—times of holding.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1826.*]