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## PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINES

PASSED BY THE

### SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION

HELD IN JANUARY, 1827.

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#### PORTLAND.

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sentenced to imprisonment, for a term less than six months, such sentence shall be executed on him in the gaol of the county where such conviction may be, unless from the character and circumstances of the convict, imprisonment in such county gaol, shall to the Court, appear unsafe or improper.

gaols.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That when Females and mi- any female, or any person under the age of eighished by impristeen years, shall be convicted as aforesaid, and sentenced to imprisonment, such sentence shall be executed in the gaol of the county, unless from the circumstances of the case, such imprisonment shall, to the Court, appear unsuitable and inadequate.

All punishments by imprisonment hor.

Be it further enacted, That all SECT. 3 in the State Pris- punishments, by imprisonment in the State Prisment to hard la-on, shall be by confinement to hard labor, and not by soli ary imprisonment: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall preclude the use of solitary confinement, as a Prison discipline for the government and good order of the prisoners.

Proviso.

[Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1827.]

### CHAPTER CCCLXIX.

AN ACT additional to An Act to organize, govern and discipline the Militia of this State.

Sect. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assem-

Part of former act, requiring towns, &c. to keep powder, repealed.

bled, That so much of "An Act to organize, govern and discipline the Militia of this State," as requires every town and plantation to provide and keep thirty-two pounds of gunpowder for every sixty-four soldiers enrolled within said town

or plantation, is hereby repealed: That, whenever, on account of any public exigency, the Governor, with advice of Council, shall issue his Proclamation, requiring the seve-

ral towns and plantations to be provided with

Proviso.

powder, in the manner by said act prescribed, the duties, penalties and provisions of said Act, shall be in full force, as if this Act had not passed, until the Governor, with advice of Council, shall issue his Proclamation, declaring such requisition no longer necessary; whereupon the requisition aforesaid shall cease, and be no longer in force.

SECT. 2. Be it further enacted, That when Commanding Ofthe commanding officer of a company, raised at files making relarge, shall make requisitions to the Selectmen tions to certify of a town, or the Assessors of a plantation, for the number, &c. rations directed by law, they shall designate the companies, &c. number and names of the members of such company, belonging to such town or plantation, and certify their performance of militia duty. [Approved by the Governor, Feb. 24, 1827.]

CHAPTER CCCLXX.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT respecting Highways.

Sect. 1. BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assem-Number of the bled, That the Standing Committees appointed in mittee enlarged, the several counties in the State, pursuant to the seventh section of the "Act to repeal an Act to establish Courts of Sessions, and for establishing Courts of Sessions," passed February the twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, may be enlarged to a number, not exceeding six in any county; and such additional appointments shall be made by the Governor, with advice of Council, whenever, in their opinion, the public convenience, in any county, may require it. And whenever the said committee shall be required to perform any of the duties incident, by law, to court to design their respective offices, the Courts of Sessions, in perform services. their warrants for that purpose, shall designate any three of the persons thus appointed in their