

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

TENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS

SESSION HELD IN JANUARY, 1830.

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Divorces may be decreed in case either of the parties has deserted the other for 5 years, or has joined the Shakers 5 years, or has been in State prison 5 years.

creed in case either of the parties has wilfully deserted the other, for the term of five years, without reasonable cause, or in case either of the parties has joined and continued with the society called Shakers, for the term of time aforesaid, separate from the other party; or in case either of the parties has been sentenced to confinement in the State's Prison for said term of time; subject to the provisos contained in the first section, and the provision contained in the second section of an additional Act regulating divorces, passed March third, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

[Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1830.]



CHAPTER CCCCLVII.

An additional ACT for regulating Ferries.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That no person who has, or may hereafter have a license to keep a ferry, from any Court of Sessions, within this State, shall, by virtue of such license, use, employ, or put in operation, at such ferry, any boat propelled or worked by steam, horse or team power; and every person, who shall violate the provisions of this Act, shall thereby forfeit his license, and be further liable, in a special action on the case, to pay such damages as may or shall thereby accrue to any person or persons, body politic or corporate: *Provided however,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any person who has already built or purchased and has in operation any such steam, horse, or team boat, at any ferry which he has been licensed as aforesaid to keep.

No person licensed by C. of S. to keep a ferry, shall by virtue of such license, put in operation a horse team or steam boat.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, body politic or corporate, by law authorized and required to use, employ and keep horse, steam or team boats at any ferry in this State, be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the night time, or at any other time when the passage of such ferry would be dangerous for said boats, to use any other boats, that shall be safe and convenient for the transportation of passengers, horses (or) cattle any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Persons, &c. authorized to use a team, horse or steam boat, may use other boats in certain cases.

[Approved by the Governor, March 6, 1830.]



CHAPTER CCCCLVIII.

AN ACT for the relief of Debtors to the State.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That any person who now stands or may hereafter stand committed to jail in any county in this State, on any execution, warrant of distress or any other final civil process, for a debt, penalty, or cost due to this State, may make application, in writing to the Court of Common Pleas for relief, and it shall be the duty of said Court, on such application, to enquire into the circumstances of such petitioner, and if satisfied that he is unable to pay such judgment against him, to order his discharge from imprisonment. And it shall be the duty of the prison keeper, having charge of the jail to which he stands committed, accordingly to discharge such prisoner. And if on such examination, it shall appear to said court that such prisoner is able to pay a part only of such judgment, and that the interest of the State would be promoted by receiving part only of such judgment, it shall be the duty of said court to order the dis-

G. C. Pleas may, on petition, order to be discharged from imprisonment, any debtor to the State unable to pay, or on payment, &c. of part of the judgment. the attorney general or county attorney being first notified of the pendency of such petition.