

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL

ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE,

At its Session commencing January 5th, 1831.

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

Portland.

TODD AND HOLDEN.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1831.

first meeting of said Association, by publishing notice thereof, three weeks successively in the newspaper of the printer to the State, the last publication to be at least ten days prior to such meeting.

CHAPTER 133.

AN ACT additional to an Act, to incorporate the Cumberland Insurance Company.

Approved February 16, 1831.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That a further time of five years from the passing of this Act, is hereby granted to the Cumberland Insurance Company to pay in their Capital Stock, at such times, and in such instalments and under such penalties as the Directors for the time being shall direct; any thing contained in the Act to which this is additional, to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 134.

AN ACT establishing a Fire Department in the town of Portland.

Approved February 19, 1831.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Fire Department of the town of Portland shall hereafter consist of one Chief Engineer and as many other Engineers, Fire Wards, Fire men, Hose men, Hook and Ladder men, Axe and Sail men as the Selectmen of said town from time to time, may nominate and appoint, not exceeding three hundred in addition to the number at present employed.

Duty of Engineers and Fire Wards.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Engineers, or Fire Wards, to see that all the fire-apparatus, belonging to said town, be constantly kept in good and complete order, and it shall be their duty to see that all Engines, Hose and Ladders, be cleaned and repaired as soon as may be after any fire.

Their power and authority.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Chief Engineer, Engineers, or Fire Wards so nominated and appointed shall have the same power and authority, relative to the pulling down or demolishing any house or other buildings to prevent the spreading of fires, also relative to all other matters and things affecting the extinguishment or prevention of fires, or the commanding assistance, as Fire Wards now by law have. And the said town of Portland shall be liable to pay all such reasonable compensation for damage done by, or consequent upon the acts or directions of said Chief Engineer, Engineers, or Fire Wards, as other towns in this State are liable to pay, in like cases, for damage consequent upon the Acts or directions of their Fire Wards.

Liabilities of said town for damage done.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of said Fire department shall be liable to all the duties and shall enjoy all the privileges that other Firemen in this State, are subject to and enjoy by law at the present time.

Privileges, &c. of Fire Department.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That after the acceptance of this Act by the inhabitants of the said town of Portland, the Selectmen shall be authorized and directed to make and publish such rules and regulations for the government and direction of the several members of the same, as they may from time to time think proper and expedient; and the rules and regulations so made and published shall be binding upon the members of said Department and upon the inhabitants of the town generally, *Provided,* They shall not be contrary to the Constitution of this State and the provisions of this Act.

Selectmen to make rules and regulations for government of members.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That from

and after the organization of a Fire Department under this Act, and notice thereof given in one or more newspapers published in said town by the Selectmen thereof, all laws of this State relating to the election of Fire Wards, so far as they affect the nomination and appointment of Fire Wards within said town, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

After organization under this Act; and notice thereof has been given, all former laws repealed.

SECT. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall not take effect until the same shall have been accepted by a vote of the town of Portland, taken by ballot at a general meeting called for that purpose.

This Act not to take effect until accepted by vote of said town.

CHAPTER 135.

AN ACT authorizing the town of Portland to elect a Board of Street Commissioners.

Approved February 19, 1831.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled*, That the inhabitants of the town of Portland, in the County of Cumberland, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to elect, and they shall, by written ballot, at their annual town meeting, in March or April, elect three persons, who shall be denominated a Board of Street Commissioners, to hold their office one year from the time of their election and until others are elected; and they shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty as other town officers are. And the Board of Commissioners aforesaid shall have all the rights and powers, be subject to all the liabilities and perform all the duties, which Surveyors of Highways by law have, are subject to, and are bound to perform; and said Commissioners shall receive such com-

Term of office.

Rights and powers.