

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

TWELFTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1832.

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Chapter 24.

AN ACT for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture and Manufactures.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Treasurer of the State be, and he hereby is, directed to pay, in the month of September in each year, to the Treasurer of any Agricultural Society or Agricultural and Horticultural Society which now is, or hereafter may be, incorporated by this State, a sum equal to that which said Society may have raised and actually received, by subscription, or otherwise, within the next preceding year; all of which sums shall be appropriated to the purposes specified in the charter of said Society, *Provided,* That, if there be three such societies in any County, the payment from the State Treasury, in any one year, shall not exceed one hundred dollars to either of them; if two, and only two, such societies in said County, the payment from the State Treasurer shall not exceed one hundred and fifty dollars to each of them; if only one such Society, the said payment thereto shall not exceed three hundred dollars. *And further provided,* That none of the aforesaid payments shall be made, until the Treasurer of said Society shall file with the State Treasurer a certificate, on oath, or affirmation, therein specifying the amount raised and actually paid into the Society as aforesaid.

Treasurer of State shall pay to Treasurer of Agricultural & Horticultural Societies, sums equal to those received by subscription.

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Certificate to be filed by Treasurers of said Societies, &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That every Society, availing itself of the benefit of this Act, shall at their discretion, annually, and publicly, offer premiums for introducing, or improving, any breed of useful cattle, or animals, or any tools, or implements of husbandry, or manufacture; introducing, raising, or preserving, any valuable trees, shrubs or plants; or in any way encouraging or advancing any of the branches or departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, or Manufactures. And said society

Societies availing themselves of the benefits of this Act, shall offer premiums, &c.

Shall annually, in Jan., transmit to the Secretary of State an official statement of their expenditures, &c.

Persons to whom premiums shall be awarded, shall deliver to the Society, a statement, specifying the kind and quantity of dressing put upon land they have cultivated, &c.

shall be held to apply to some, or all, of the foregoing purposes a sum in each year, equal at least to that received from the State, and shall annually in January transmit to the Secretary of State an official statement of its expenditures, specifying the objects for which premiums have been awarded, and to whom they have been paid, accompanied by such general observations as may be deemed useful.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That any person to whom a premium shall be awarded for raising the greatest crop for any given quantity of land, (of at least one acre, if the crop be of corn or grain,) shall, before receiving said premium, deliver to the society a statement in writing, specifying the kind and quantity of dressing put upon said land, the course pursued in cultivating the same, and the kind of soil so cultivated, with such other circumstances as may be deemed useful. And if the premium be awarded him for introducing or improving the breed of any cattle, horses or other animals, he shall, before receiving the same, make a similar statement of the breed or stock, and of the advantages thereof for labor, or the dairy, or fattening, or any other purpose, together with the mode and expense of rearing or treating the same, as compared with the usual methods, and such other remarks as may be thought of public utility.

Secretary of State shall annually, on or before the 1st of Feb. lay said statements before the Legislature.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the State shall annually, on or before the first day of February in each year, lay said official statements before the Legislature, to be submitted to the committee on Agriculture; who may publish such extracts therefrom, together with such essays relative to the subject, as they may think adapted to the advancement of Agriculture or Horticulture. And the Legislature may cause a suitable number of copies thereof to be distributed, as they may think best.

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SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the powers and privileges granted by this Act may be

enlarged, restricted or annulled, at the pleasure of the Legislature.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That this Act shall continue in force for the space of five years from the passing thereof. This Act to remain in force five years.

[Approved by the Governor, March 5, 1832.]

Chapter 25.

AN ACT for preserving the Mattanawcook State Road.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That from and after the first day of May next, no cart or wagon drawn by any horse or horses shall pass upon the Mattanawcook State Road, unless the felloes of the wheels thereof are at least four inches in width; and no cart or wagon drawn by oxen shall pass upon said road, unless the felloes thereof are at least six inches in width. No cart or wagon shall pass upon the Mattanawcook State Road, after the 1st day of May, 1832, unless, &c.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That if any cart or wagon, loaded or otherwise, shall pass upon said road contrary to the provisions of the foregoing section, the owner or driver thereof shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every offence, together with an additional penalty of one dollar for each mile of said road passed as aforesaid, to be recovered by action of debt, one half to the use of the person who shall sue therefor, and the other half to the use of the State. But this act shall not be so construed as to prohibit the passing upon said road of any pleasure carriage or loaded wagon drawn by one horse or double horse wagon loaded with household furniture, with wheels of the usual width. Forfeiture for violation of this Act.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the fourth section of the Resolve entitled an additional Resolve for opening, clearing and repairing a road from the South line of township numbered two in the Old Indian Purchase on the East side of Pe- How recovered. Pleasure carriages, &c. not prohibited. Fourth section of a Resolve passed March 4th, 1831, repealed.