

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 29.

AN ACT to provide for the general vaccination of the inhabitants of the State.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the Governor, with advice of Council, is hereby authorized to appoint one suitable person in Portland whose duty it shall be to keep on hand a constant supply of genuine virus for vaccine inoculation, and to distribute gratuitously to all the towns and plantations in the State, whenever their respective Agents may apply to him therefor, such quantities of the same as he may judge sufficient for the purposes hereinafter mentioned. And there shall be paid to him from the Treasury of the State such compensation as shall be allowed by the Governor and Council.

Governor and Council may appoint a person in Portland whose duty shall be to distribute gratuitously virus for vaccine inoculation &c.

Compensation.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Selectmen of each town and Assessors of each plantation shall on or before the first day of June next engage and employ some Physician or Physicians or other discreet person or persons who shall be held as soon as may be after making said engagement to procure vaccine matter from the depositories aforesaid; and within eight months from the passing of this Act to visit every family in their respective towns or plantations and vaccinate with care and faithfulness every individual whose residence is therein, and who shall not object thereto; for which service the said town, or plantation, shall pay a fair compensation, for which purpose they are hereby empowered to raise money at any legal meeting.

Selectmen of towns &c. shall employ persons to procure vaccine matter &c.

Compensation allowed.

[Approved by the Governor, March 8, 1832.]