

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

# FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

AT ITS SESSION, HELD IN JANUARY, 1835.

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thirty days prior to the sitting of said Court. And if any person or persons interested as aforesaid shall appear and object to the appointment of such committee and insist upon having his or their damages assessed and appraised by a jury, then the said Courts shall cause a jury to be summoned for that purpose agreeably to the provisions of the first section of an Act, entitled "An Act directing the method of laying out and making provision for the repair and amendment of highways," passed March the second in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. And any committee so appointed and any jury so summoned shall give reasonable notice to all persons known to be interested of the time when they will view and examine the premises described in any such application for the purpose of estimating and appraising the value thereof and give them an opportunity to be heard in relation to the damages they may sustain by reason of the same premises being taken and appropriated to the use aforesaid.

Persons interested may require jury to be appointed.

Vol. 2, chap. 118, p. 509.

Committee to give notice to persons interested when they examine premises.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from, and after the passing of the same.*

Act to take effect from passage.

[Approved by the Governor, January 29, 1835.]

### Chapter 143.

AN ACT relative to the safe keeping of persons insane, lunatic or furiously mad.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That, whenever any person shall be in the legal custody of any officer or be confined in any house of correction, by reason of being insane, lunatic or so furiously mad as to render it dangerous to the peace or the safety of the people for such*

Insane and lunatic persons may be delivered to the custody of overseers of the town to which they are chargeable.

persons to go at large, it shall be lawful for either of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court or Court of Common Pleas or any two Justices of the Quorum, upon written application therefor, to order such person to be delivered to the custody of the overseers of the poor of the town on which the maintenance of such person may be legally chargeable; *Provided*, That satisfactory evidence shall have been produced to such Justice or Justices, that said town has provided a safe and convenient place for such person's safe keeping.

Proviso.

Town to be responsible for his safe keeping till permitted to go at large.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the town, whose overseers of the poor, in pursuance of any such order, shall have received the custody of such insane, lunatic or mad person, shall be responsible for his or her safe keeping until permission in writing be given by some one of the Justices of the Courts aforesaid or two Justices of the Quorum for such person to go at large. And said town shall be liable, in an action of the case, for all damages which any person or persons may sustain from any of the acts of said insane, lunatic or mad person, if he shall be suffered to go at large without the written permission aforesaid.

Town in certain cases liable for damages.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That an act entitled An additional Act extending the powers of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, in certain cases, passed March sixteenth in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty, be and the same hereby is repealed, and that this Act take effect as soon as it shall become a law.

Former act repealed.

Vol. 3, chap. 474. p. 320.

[*Approved by the Governor, January 29, 1835.*]