

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED BY THE

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

JANUARY SESSION, 1836.

PUBLISHED AGREEABLY TO THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 23, 1820.

AUGUSTA:

SMITH & ROBINSON.....PRINTERS TO THE STATE.

1836.

the tax aforesaid, including all expenses of advertising and other charges made by the officer against the State or County, in his attempt, to collect the same on said former warrant, and which may be endorsed as part of said Sheriff's return on said former warrant.

All warrants to be made returnable within 3 months.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all warrants issued by the State or County Treasurer for the collection of State or County taxes shall be made returnable in three months from the date thereof, into the office from which they were issued.

Power of Sheriff on renewed warrant same as on original.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the power and duty of the Sheriff by virtue of any such warrant as is authorized by the first section of this Act, shall be the same as pertained to him in virtue of the original warrant. And the effect of his proceedings thereon shall be the same as would have resulted from like proceedings under the said original warrant.

[Approved by the Governor, March 21, 1836.]

Chapter 219.

AN ACT additional to "An Act directing the method of laying out and making provision for the repair and amendment of Highways."

Towns having 200 inhabitants may raise highway taxes in money.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That any Town or plantation in this State, having a population of two hundred inhabitants or upwards may at any legal meeting of its inhabitants vote to raise such sum of money to be expended in making and repairing its public roads and bridges as they may think necessary, and may by vote of said inhabitants, if they see fit, direct the same to be assessed upon polls and estates and collected in the same manner as other cash taxes are assessed and collected.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Selectmen of every town, the Assessors of every plantation and the Mayor of every City, through which there is a mail route, to furnish and keep in repair for each Surveyor's District through which such mail route passes, a triangular sled, not less than ten feet in the base, made of timber not less than ten inches in diameter, or other effectual apparatus of equal width, for the purpose of opening and rendering passable, roads obstructed by snow. And it shall be the duty of Surveyors of Highways, at all times, when the roads are so obstructed to make use of such sleds or other effectual apparatus for opening the same; and the surveyor of each district, when the sum appropriated and assessed for the repair of the highways in his limits shall not fully answer or be insufficient for that purpose shall employ such of the inhabitants of the Town to open and render passable roads obstructed as aforesaid, and the persons thus employed shall be equitably paid out of the Town Treasury therefor, or the Town may authorize such Surveyor to agree with the persons employed, that for such labor they shall be allowed on the next highway tax, or otherwise compensated as the Town may have prescribed. And the several Towns, Plantations and Cities shall have power to extend the provisions of this Act to any roads within their respective limits other than mail routes. And if the Selectmen of any Town, or the Assessors of any plantation, or the Mayor of any City shall neglect to furnish and keep in repair, or if any highway Surveyor shall unreasonably neglect to make use of said triangular sled or other effectual apparatus in the way and manner above prescribed, said Town, Plantation or City whose officers shall so neglect as aforesaid shall be liable for every such offence to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars to be recovered in an action of debt in

Triangular sleds to be kept to clear roads of snow in towns through which there is a mail route.

—and to be used when necessary.

Surveyors when money raised is insufficient, may employ persons to clear roads from snow.

Towns may extend provisions of this Act to all roads.

Liability of officers for neglecting their duty in causing roads to be kept free from obstructions by snow.

any Court of competent jurisdiction, by and to the use of the person, who may sue therefor, or may be punished by indictment and on conviction thereof shall be liable to a like fine to the use of the County.

[Approved by the Governor, March 22, 1836.]

Chapter 220.

AN ACT to establish a Registry of Deeds for the Eastern District of Lincoln County.

Registry of Deeds for the eastern section of Lincoln County established.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the towns of St. George, Thomaston, Cushing, Friendship, Warren and Union in the County of Lincoln, be, and they hereby are formed into a District for the Registry of Deeds; and the inhabitants of said District are hereby authorized to choose a Register of Deeds for said District, in the manner provided by law; and the Register so chosen shall keep his office in the town of Thomaston; and Hezekiah Prince, Esquire, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his warrant to the Selectmen of the several towns, within said District, authorized to vote for State officers, requiring them in the mode established by law, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said towns, on the first Monday of May next, that they may then proceed to vote by ballot for some suitable person, qualified by law for the office of Registry of Deeds; and therein requiring said Selectmen to preside in said meetings, and receive, sort and count the votes of the qualified electors present, and to declare the same. And the Town Clerk having made a list of the persons voted for, with the number of votes for each person against his name, and having recorded the same, shall seal up and transmit a transcript of the record he shall make of the number of votes and persons voted for

[See additional act, chap. 234.]

Register to be chosen and continue in office till last day of Sept. 1841.