

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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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.

Chapter 237.

AN ACT to encourage the culture of Silk within this State.

A bounty of 5 cents granted on every Cocoon raised.

—and for every pound of Silk reeled therefrom 50 cents.

Proof to be given to Treasurer of town and oath that bounty has not before been paid on said cocoons or silk.

Treasurer of towns to present to Legislature the amount for bounties paid.

SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That for every pound of Cocoons, which shall be raised within this State, the person who shall raise, or cause to be raised said Cocoons, shall receive a bounty of five cents, from the Treasurer of the town or plantation, wherein said Cocoons shall be raised, and for every pound of silk, which shall be reeled from Cocoons, raised in this State the person who shall reel or cause the same to be reeled, shall receive from the Treasurer of the town or plantation, in which the same shall be reeled, fifty cents.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That before any person shall be entitled to receive the bounties herein provided, he, she, or they, shall prove to the satisfaction of the said Treasurer of the Town, or Plantation, in which such Cocoons shall be raised, or Silk reeled, that the same was raised or reeled, or caused to be raised or reeled by him, her, or them, as the case may be; and the person so presenting the same to the said Treasurer, for the purpose of receiving said bounty, shall make oath or affirmation, that no bounty had been received by any person for the Cocoons or Silk so presented for a bounty.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Treasurers of the several towns and plantations, may keep an account of the money by them paid out by virtue of this Act, and present the same, verified by their oath or affirmation, to the Legislature next after the payment of any bounty as aforesaid, for allowance, and the Legislature after being satisfied of the correctness of such account, shall allow the same, and authorize the payment thereof from the Treasury of the State.

[Approved by the Governor, April 1, 1836.]