

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

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to claim, as representing his father or mother, any part of the estate of his or her kindred, either lineal or collateral; and if any illegitimate child shall die intestate without lawful issue, his estate shall descend to his mother, or in case of her decease, to her heirs at law.

Estate of such children how to descend.

[Approved by the Governor March 22, 1838.]

### Chapter 339.

AN ADDITIONAL ACT to prevent the introduction of Paupers from foreign ports or places.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the Mayor and Aldermen of the several cities and the Selectmen of the several towns of this State, may, at their election, dispense with the bond required by the statute to which this is additional, if the master, commanding officer or owner of the ship, vessel or boat in which foreign passengers may arrive from foreign ports, or coastwise, shall, before the landing of such passenger, pay into the Treasury of the city or town, at which such vessel shall arrive, such sum as said Mayor and Aldermen, or Selectmen may think reasonable, not exceeding the sum of five dollars for every foreign passenger whom he may intend to land; to be appropriated as said cities or towns may direct for the support of paupers.

Bonds required of masters of vessels, when dispensed with.

Money received in lieu thereof, how appropriated.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the said cities and towns shall have power respectively to appoint one or more visiting officers, whose duty it shall be, on the arrival of any ship, vessel or boat having on board one or more passengers from foreign ports or places, who have no settlement in this State, to go on board of such ship, vessel or boat, and there remain until the provisions of this Act and the Act to which this is additional shall be complied with. And it shall be the duty of such officer to prevent the land-

Cities and towns empowered to appoint visiting officers.

—their duties.

ing of any such passenger until the provisions of said laws have been complied with; and in case of a violation of said laws, or an intention to violate the same, to give immediate information to said Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen. And a reasonable compensation shall be paid to such officer, by the master, commander or owner of such ship, vessel or boat, to be established by said Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen.

—how paid.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any master or commanding officer of any such ship, vessel or boat shall land any foreign passenger at any place within this State, other than that to which such ship, vessel or boat shall be destined, with intent to avoid the requirements of this Act or the Act to which this is additional, such master or commanding officer shall forfeit one hundred dollars for every foreign passenger so landed.

Penalty for attempting to evade this act.

[Approved by the Governor March 22, 1838.]

## Chapter 340.

AN ACT additional to an Act to establish town lines.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That from and after the passage of this Act all towns that shall perambulate their several lines as now prescribed by law, and shall establish and set up good stone monuments, at least two feet high, at all the corners, and also at the several angles and where the line shall cross highways, and on or near the banks of all rivers, bays, lakes or ponds which said lines may cross, or which are the boundaries of said lines, shall be exempted from the duty of perambulating said lines, except once in every ten years, commencing in ten years from the time the stone monuments shall be erected in the manner here described.

Towns perambulating their lines, &c.

—exempt from such duty for ten years.