

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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or carry into effect contracts or covenants made by their testators or intestates, whenever it shall be made to appear to them on petition of any person or persons contracted with by bond, covenant or other contract, that a testator or intestate in his or her life time entered into such bond, contract or covenant, to convey some real estate to him or her, but was prevented by death, upon the same conditions and subject to like provisions.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 1, 1839.*]

Chapter 362.

AN ACT for the limitation of Criminal Prosecutions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, That no person shall be prosecuted, tried or punished for any crime, except murder, manslaughter, treason and arson, unless the indictment for the same be found within six years next after the offence shall have been committed; *Provided* that nothing in this act shall extend to any person fleeing from justice, nor to any indictment now pending, nor to any crime which shall have been committed before this act shall take effect.

[*Approved by the Governor, February 6, 1839.*]

Chapter 363.

AN ACT additional to an Act concerning Dower.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That when any woman is entitled to dower in land, of which any Corporation is seized, she may recover the same, by a writ of dower after she

Limitation of six years in criminal prosecutions after offence committed excepting in cases of murder, manslaughter treason or arson.

Proviso.

Remedy for dower where Corporations are interested.

shall have made a demand in writing of her dower of any officer of such Corporation, or whom by law a writ in a civil action may be served; and she shall not commence her action therefor before the expiration of sixty days, nor after the expiration of one year, from such demand; but this shall not preclude her from making a new demand, and commencing an action thereon.

Action not to commence until expiration of sixty days nor after one year from demand.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That when any woman shall bring her writ of dower, the defendant may plead in abatement, but not in bar, that he is not tenant of the freehold.

Pleadings to be in abatement, not in bar.

[Approved by the Governor, February 6, 1839.]

Chapter 364.

AN ACT additional to provide for the packing and inspection of pickled and smoked Fish.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for Inspectors of Fish, in addition to the size of casks already authorized, to pack and brand split pickled Fish in quarter barrels, containing each fifty pounds, and in tenths of barrels, or kids, containing each twenty pounds—the quality of said Fish to be branded in the same manner, as is now directed by law.

Barrels containing from twenty to fifty pounds to be used in packing split pickled Fish.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all pickled or smoked Fish, which shall have been duly inspected in the State or County, in which said Fish shall have been packed, may be sold or exported from this State, without re-inspection.

Inspected pickled or smoked Fish may be exported or sold from State without re-inspection.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of Inspectors of Fish to make their returns to the Secretary of State under oath.

Duty of Inspectors in making returns.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the act, providing for the inspection of pickled

Former acts inconsistent repealed.