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PUBLIC ACTS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE,

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STATE OF MAINE.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Augusta, April 26, 1839. }

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the Laws contained in this Pamphlet have been compared with the originals deposited in this office, and that (except in Chap. 402, Sec. 4, line 10th, the word *of* should be inserted before "books,") they appear to be correctly printed.

ASAPH R. NICHOLS, Secretary of State.

Chapter 402.

AN ACT in relation to a State Library.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled,* That the books now belonging to the State, or which shall be hereafter purchased, or received by the State, shall be collected and deposited in the south wing of the Capitol in rooms number 3, and number 4, and constitute the State Library, excepting such books, as are now in the Senate Chamber, and may be retained therein by order of the Senate; or are in the Hall of the House of Representatives, and may be retained therein by order of said House; and said rooms shall be prepared and furnished for that purpose, by the Superintendent of the Public Buildings, under the direction of the Governor.

Rooms in the capitol appropriated for, and books belonging to the State, &c. to constitute the State Library.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of State shall be Librarian, and take charge of the Library, under such rules and regulations, as are hereinafter established, and cause a catalogue of said books to be prepared and kept; and said Librarian is hereby authorized to appoint an assistant, during the sessions of the Legislature, whose compensation shall not exceed that of an engrossing clerk.

Secretary of State constituted Librarian, his duties, &c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That all sums of money, appropriated and unexpended, or which shall hereafter be appropriated, by the Legislature, for the purchase of books, shall be expended by the Secretary of State, under the direction of the Governor.

Monies appropriated for, &c. to be expended by Secretary of State, &c.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That books may be taken from the Library by the Governor, and Members of the Council, Members of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives—Judges of the Judicial Courts—Secretary of State—Treasurer of the State—Adjutant General—Attorney

Books by whom to be taken.

None to be taken from town of Augusta.

Librarian to keep a register of all books loaned, returned, &c.

Persons borrowing answerable, &c.

Governor authorized to transmit to Governors of other States, laws and resolves, and copies of public documents.

Commissioners for revising the laws authorized to take books from the library, and from town of Augusta.

Provided books are returned within three months.

General—and Land Agent; but no books, so taken, shall at any time, be carried out of the town of Augusta. The Librarian shall cause to be kept a proper register of all issues and return books, as the same shall be made. No book, taken from the Library as aforesaid, shall be retained more than three weeks; and all books shall be returned to the Library, on, or before, the first day of January annually; and every person shall be answerable for all damage done by him to any book, and, in case of the loss of a volume belonging to a set, the person, answerable for the same, shall procure a new volume, or pay the value of the set in money.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Governor be, and hereby is, authorized to transmit to the Governors of the several States, three copies of all Laws and Resolves, published by order of the Legislature, one copy of all public Documents printed, and bound by the like order, and one copy of the printed decisions of the Judicial Courts of this State.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the Commissioners that revise the Laws of this State shall have the right to take such books, from the State Library, as they may require while in discharge of their duty, and that the same may be carried out of the town of Augusta as may be most convenient to said Commissioners, for the purposes aforesaid "*Provided however*" That the said books shall be returned to the State Library in a time not exceeding three months from the taking the same.

[*Approved by the Governor, March 22, 1839.*]