

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE.**  
**1840.**

[supplied from page 1 of volume]

**ERRATA:**

**The following leaf is  
inserted because one or more pages  
in this chapter have errors  
noticed and corrected here.**

## ERRATA.

- Page 2, eleventh line from the bottom, for "Nathan" read *Nahum*.  
3, third line from the bottom, after the word "matters" insert *and things*.  
6, at the end of chap. 6, for "January 27," read *January 29*.  
15, at the end of chap. 17, for "February 18," read *February 19*.  
22, chap. 23, sec. 3, sixth line, for "vehicle" read *vehicle*.  
29, third line from the top, for "votes" read *voters*.  
29, seventh line from the top, omit the word "by" before "law."  
29, sec. 8, tenth line, for "estate" read *estates*.  
31, chap. 50, sec. 1, fifth line, omit the word "other" before "refuse."  
33, chap. 33, sec. 1, eleventh line, for "mast" read *masts*.  
33, second line from the bottom, for "chair-" read *chain*.  
47, fourth line from the bottom, for "Northam" read *Northane*.  
48, third line from the top, for "Videto" read *Viddeto*.  
51, twelfth line from the bottom, between "that" and "all" insert the word *in*.  
52, in the enacting clause of chap. 53, for "entaced" read *enacted*.  
67, fifteenth line from the bottom, for "thousand" read *thousands*.  
68, twenty-third line from the top, for "annully" read *annually*.  
111, ninth line from the top, for "such" read *said*.  
113, chap. 1, fifth line, omit the word "the" before "advice."  
115, fifth line from the bottom, for "certificate" read *certificates*.  
122, in the title of chap. 21, for "Jordon," read *Jordan*.  
188, eighth line from the bottom, before the word "person" insert *other*.  
206, in the title of chap. 77, for "relating" read *relative*.  
207, chap. 79, second and third lines, between the words "of" and "State" insert the word *the*.  
224, chap. 93, twelfth line, for "relation" read *reference*.

**Chapter 30.**

AN ACT to prevent obstructions in Machias River.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That if any person or persons shall cast or throw into the Machias river, any slabs, lathings, edgings, or any other refuse timber of any nature whatsoever, or other materials whereby the navigation of said river may be impeded or injuriously affected, or which shall tend to obstruct the floating or driving of logs, masts, spars, or other lumber down said river, either above or below the tide waters of the same, he or they shall forfeit for each offence a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, nor less than five dollars, to any person who may sue for the same, and shall also be liable to pay all damages which any individual may suffer by reason of such obstructions in an action of the case, in any court competent to try the same.

Penalty for obstructing the river.

**SEC. 2.** *Be it further enacted,* That if the offence or offences forbidden in the foregoing section, shall be committed by any person or persons, who may be in the employ of any mill owner, or mill owners, the said mill owner or mill owners, shall be liable to the same penalties to be recovered in the same manner as is herein before provided.

Mill owners liable for offences committed by their workmen.

[Approved March 3, 1840.]

**Chapter 31.**

AN ACT additional to an Act to incorporate the Maine Episcopal Missionary Society.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That Robert H. Gardiner and Joel Clapp are hereby authorized to call a meeting of said society, to be

Persons authorized to call a meeting.