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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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**PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAWS**  
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## 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.

Notice to be given.

holden at the time and place, when and where the next meeting of the Maine Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Maine shall be holden, and that they shall cause notice of said meeting, to be given at least three weeks previously, to each of the Episcopal parishes, in the State of Maine, and said corporation shall, at such meeting, have power to reorganize, and make valid the previous doings thereof.

[Approved March 3, 1840.]

### Chapter 32.

AN ACT to authorize the proprietors of the Congregational meeting house in Norway to dispose of the same.

Vote of a majority of proprietors necessary to dispose of the house.

Pews to be appraised. Proceeds to be divided.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled,* That the proprietors of the Congregational meeting house in Norway be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell said house in such manner as they shall direct by a vote of a majority of said proprietors present at any legal meeting called for that purpose by virtue of this Act. But previous to the sale of said house, said proprietors shall cause the pews of said meeting house to be appraised by three disinterested freeholders, and the proceeds of such sale shall be divided among the pewholders of said meeting house according to said appraisal after deducting all necessary expenses arising from the appraisal and sale of said house, *provided* the same shall be demanded within six months after said sale.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That Wm. Hobbs, Jacob Bradbury and Wm. E. Goodenow, or either of them, be and they hereby are authorized