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ACTS AND RESOLVES,

PASSED BY THE

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That the records and all books, papers or documents, now held by the town of Lisbon, shall remain with the officers thereof; and the inhabitants of Webster shall have access to them and the same use thereof, in other respects, as by law pertains to the inhabitants of Lisbon.

Records and books to be held by the town of Lisbon, subject to the use of the town of Webster.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid towns of Lisbon and Webster shall constitute a class for the election of a Representative with the same powers and privileges as other classes, until another apportionment of Representatives according to the Constitution.

To constitute but one representative class, until otherwise apportioned.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect immediately after its approval by the Governor.

[Approved March 7, 1840.]

Chapter 45.

AN ACT establishing a Fire Department in the town of Eastport.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, That the Fire department of the town of Eastport shall hereafter consist of one Chief Engineer, and as many other Engineers, Fire Wards, Fire-men, Hose-men, Hook and Ladder-men, Axe and Sail-men as the Selectmen of said town from time to time, may nominate and appoint, not exceeding two hundred men.

Officers, how appointed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Engineers, or Fire Wards, to see that all the fire apparatus, belonging to said town, be constantly kept in good and complete order, and it shall be their duty to see that all Engines, Hose and Ladders, be cleaned and repaired as soon as may be after any fire.

Duty of Engineers and Fire Wards.

Powers of Engineers and Fire Wards.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the Chief Engineer, Engineers, or Fire Wards so nominated and appointed shall have the same power and authority, relative to the pulling down or demolishing any house or other buildings to prevent the spreading of fires, also to all other matters or things affecting the extinguishment or prevention of fires, or commanding assistance as Fire Wards now by law have—and the said town of Eastport shall be liable to pay all such reasonable compensation for damage done by, or consequent upon the acts or directions of said Chief Engineer, Engineers or Fire Wards, as other towns in this State are liable to pay, in like cases, for damage consequent upon the acts or directions of their Fire Wards.

Town liable for damages.

Duties and privileges of members.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the members of said Fire department shall be liable to all the duties and shall enjoy all the privileges, that other Fire-men in this State are subject to and enjoy by law at the present time.

Selectmen to make and publish rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That after the acceptance of this Act by the inhabitants of the said town of Eastport, the Selectmen shall be authorized and directed to make and publish such rules and regulations for the government and direction of the several members of the same, as they may from time to time think proper and expedient; and the rules and regulations so made and published shall be binding upon the members of said department, and upon the inhabitants of the town generally. *Provided* they shall not be contrary to the Constitution of this State and the provisions of this Act.

Provisions of former laws repealed.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That from and after the organization of a Fire department under this Act and notice thereof given in one or more newspapers published in said town all laws of this State relating to the election of Fire Wards within said town, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall not take effect until the same shall have been accepted by a vote of the town of Eastport—taken by ballot at a general meeting called for that purpose.

Act to be accepted by a vote of the town.

[Approved March 10, 1840.]

Chapter 46.

AN ACT to change the names of certain persons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in Legislature assembled, That Moses Hook of Castine, be allowed to take name of Frederick Augustus Hook;—that David Merritt Maddocks, of Ellsworth, be allowed to take the name of David Merritt;—that John Newton Wilder of Pembroke, be allowed to take the name of John Newton Chickering;—that Marcellus Nelson, of Moscow, be allowed to take the name of Marcellus Rowe;—that John Fillebrown, of Readfield, be allowed to take the name of John Bean Fillebrown;—that William Sweetser, of Portland, be allowed to take name of William Henry Sweetser;—that Evis Hinkley, of Mercer, be allowed to take the name of Darwin Hinkley;—that Jesse Gleason Merriam, of Eastport, be allowed to take the name of Jesse Gleason;—that Shearjashub Hatch, of Mercer, be allowed to take the name of Francis Hatch;—that Jesse Avander House, of Greene, be allowed to take the name of Jesse Avander Cummings;—that Moody Boyington, of Jefferson, be allowed to take the name of Moody Burbank;—that Charles Northam Oliver, of Bethel, be allowed to take the name of Charles Lovejoy Oliver;—that Edward James, of Steuben, be allowed to take the name of Edward Hutchings;