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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1844.

SECT. 2. No cost shall be taxed against the state in any criminal case, for witnesses appearing before the grand jury in any case in which a bill shall not be found, nor in any case of complaint against any town or plantation for defect of road; unless such witnesses shall have been recognized so to attend, or summoned by order of the grand jury or of the prosecuting officer.

SECT. 3. The power of staying execution or granting super-sedeas, as described in the eighth section of the one hundred twenty-third chapter of the revised statutes, may be exercised in vacation as well as in term time of the court.

[Approved March 7, 1844.]

CHAP. 96.

Witnesses not paid by the state in certain cases.

The power of staying execution, &c., may be exercised in vacation of the court

Chapter 96.

AN ACT to alter the time for the annual assessment for repairs upon highways in unincorporated townships.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. The county commissioners, in their respective counties, on or before the fifteenth day of July, in each year, shall assess upon all unincorporated townships, or parts of such townships, a sum of money sufficient to keep in repair the county highways, which are, or may be, laid out and opened in such townships or parts of townships, and also all roads which have been, or may be, laid out and made therein by this state, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or roads therein, the repairs and protection of which this state has assumed, or may assume: Provided, that in all cases the same notice shall be published of the time and place for the said assessment of taxes for the repair of roads in places not included within the limits of any incorporated city, town or plantation within this state, as is required for the location of such roads.

Co. commissioners to assess in their respective counties, on unincorporated lands, moneys for the repair of highways.

Proviso.

SECT. 2. All laws and parts of laws, inconsistent with the provisions of this law, are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 7, 1844.]

Chapter 97.

AN ACT relating to marine insurance companies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Any marine insurance company, now incorporated, or that may

Profits, how appropriated.

CHAP. 98.

Proviso.

hereafter be incorporated, may divide among their stockholders and the persons insured by them, in proportion to the stock owned, and the premiums paid on risks terminated, all of their clear profits over and above the amount of six per cent. per annum ; which six per cent. shall be divided among the stockholders alone : Provided, that no such division among the stockholders and the persons insured jointly shall be made, until all arrearages which may hereafter occur in the six per centum payable to the stockholders, shall have been paid to the stockholders ; and the said company may make any by-laws or regulations to carry the purposes of this act into effect, not inconsistent with the laws of this state.

[Approved March 9, 1844.]

Chapter 98.

AN ACT amending the ninth section of the fifty-first chapter of the revised statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

§ 9, ch. 51, R. S.
relative to manu-
facture of lime
casks amended.

SECT. 1. The ninth section of the fifty-first chapter of the revised statutes is so far amended, that lime casks shall be made with a good and sufficient bilge ; instead of not less than twenty inches in the clear, on the inside, at the bilge, at the time of inspection, as heretofore provided ; and the staves of lime casks shall be at least three eighths of an inch thick, on the thinnest edge ; instead of not less than one half an inch thick, on the thinnest edge, as heretofore provided.

[Approved March 9, 1844.]

Chapter 99.

AN ACT altering the division lines between the counties of Hancock and Washington ; and between Penobscot and Washington ; Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook ; and between Piscataquis and Somerset.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Division lines al-
tered between
Hancock and
Washington.

SECT. 1. The division line between the counties of Hancock and Washington is hereby established as follows : Beginning at the southeast corner of township numbered seven, in the south division of Bingham's Penobscot purchase, and the northeast corner of the town of Gouldsborough ; thence southeasterly and southerly, in the