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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1844.

SECT. 15. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

CHAP. 127.

Inconsistent provisions repealed.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]

Chapter 127.

AN ACT additional to an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives, in the Penobscot river and bay, and their tributary streams.

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

Sections five and six of an act, entitled "an act for the preservation of salmon, shad and alewives, in Penobscot river and bay, and their tributary streams," approved March twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, so far as the same relate to the appointment and duties of deputy wardens, are hereby repealed.

Act of March 23, 1843, in part repealed.

[Approved March 22, 1844.]

Chapter 128.

AN ACT establishing town courts.

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

SECT. 1. There shall be established, in every city, town and plantation in this state, a court or courts of trial, as hereafter provided, each court to consist of one justice of trials, who shall be appointed and commissioned by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, and shall hold his office for the term of seven years, according to the provisions of the constitution. Said justice shall have all the powers of a justice of the peace, and original jurisdiction of all suits of a civil nature, where the debt or other matter in demand, does not exceed twenty dollars, concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in suits from twenty to one hundred dollars, excepting those actions where the title of real estate is put in issue by the pleadings filed in the case, by either party, or where a town is a party in the action. And each justice shall keep full and fair records of his proceedings, and deliver fair copies thereof, when required : which, being duly certified, shall be evidence of as high character as the records of other courts now are by law ; provided, however, that none of the provisions of this act

Courts of trial established.

To consist of one justice, how appointed.

Tenure of office.

Powers of justice.

Records and copies.

Same to be evidence.

Proviso.