

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1845.

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Published by the Secretary of State, agreeably to Resolves of June 28, 1820, February 26, 1840,  
and March 16, 1842.  
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*AUGUSTA:*

WM. T. JOHNSON, PRINTER TO THE STATE.

1845.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

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CHAP. 153.

state, and to give lectures or addresses to farmers on subjects pertaining to their business; and to disseminate information by publishing books, pamphlets and papers, devoted to such information.

SECT. 2. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 27, 1845.]

### Chapter 153.

AN ACT to compel the attendance of witnesses in criminal prosecutions.

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

If witness duly summoned, in behalf of the state, &c., fail to appear, penalty.

If any person, competent as a witness, who shall have been duly summoned to appear and give evidence, in behalf of the state, before any court or grand jury, shall, without reasonable cause, fail so to do, at the time and place designated in the summons therefor; such person shall be punished, on indictment, by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding one year: *provided, however,* that this act shall not apply to any person who shall have been punished for the same delinquency, as for a contempt.

Proviso.

[Approved March 27, 1845.]

### Chapter 154.

AN ACT in relation to steam navigation corporations.

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

Liability as common carriers, &c.

SECT. 1. All corporations heretofore created in this state since the seventeenth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and which shall be hereafter created for the purposes of steam navigation, unless otherwise expressed in their charter, shall hereafter be liable for all claims for damages against any such corporation arising out of the breach of any contract, express or implied made by such corporation as common carriers or from the misconduct or neglect of such corporation or its agents, under the maritime law, in every case to the same extent as owners of vessels are liable by law: and in case of a deficiency of attachable corporate property or estate, the individual property and rights and credits of any stockholder thereof, shall be liable to be taken on execution to the amount

How claims for misconduct or neglect may be recovered.