

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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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1845.

CHAP. 164.

Chapter 164.

AN ACT in addition to the nineteenth chapter of the revised statutes.

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

Enlargement of provisions of ch. 19, R. S.

When the owners who may not be applicants, shall refuse or neglect to designate another justice of the peace of the county, as provided by the ninth section of chapter nineteen, of the revised statutes, the said justice may be appointed by the justice of the peace and quorum applied to and selected, as provided in the eighth section of said chapter ; and the said justices shall thereupon exercise all the powers and duties conferred by the said chapter or any act in addition thereto.

[Approved April 5, 1845.]

Chapter 165.

AN ACT providing for the taxing of rail roads and rail road property in this state.

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

Real estate of rail road corporations, estimated and taxed as other real estate.

SECT. 1. All the real estate of any rail road company heretofore incorporated or which may be hereafter incorporated in this state, shall be taxable to said corporation by the several cities, towns and plantations in which said real estate may lie, in the same manner as the lands and other property owned by private persons, and shall, in the valuation list, be estimated like other real estate of the same quality and value in such city, town, or plantation : *provided however*, that the track of any rail road belonging to any rail road company incorporated by this state, and the land on which any rail road track is, or may be constructed, shall not be deemed real estate.

Proviso.

Shares deemed personal estate.

SECT. 2. The shares of the respective stockholders in any rail road company in this state, shall be deemed personal estate, and shall be taxable as such to the owners in the places where they reside.

Regular account of disbursements, expenditures, and receipts to be kept.

SECT. 3. All rail road corporations, unless it is otherwise provided in their charter, shall keep in a book for that purpose, a regular account of all their disbursements, expenditures and receipts ; and the books of said corporation shall at all times be open to the inspection of the governor and council, and at the expiration of every year the treasurer of every such corporation shall make an

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exhibit under oath to the legislature of the disbursements, expenditures and receipts upon their respective rail roads.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts heretofore passed providing for the taxing of the track of any rail road or the land on which the same is constructed, as real estate, are hereby repealed.

[Approved April 7, 1845.]

CHAP. 166.

Annual exhibit of treasurer.

Inconsistent provisions repealed.

Chapter 166.

AN ACT concerning contracts made by minors.

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

No action that may be brought after the passage of this act, shall be maintained against any person upon a contract made while a minor, unless the same is ratified in writing, signed by the party to be charged by said contract, after arriving at the age of twenty-one years, or by some person thereto by him lawfully authorized: *provided* that this act shall not apply to, or affect any contract made by a minor for necessaries, or to contracts for real estate of which a minor has received and retained the title.

Actions against minors.

Proviso.

[Approved April 7, 1845.]

Chapter 167.

AN ACT additional to an act, entitled "an act additional to an act establishing the county of Franklin."

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

All officers within and for the county of Franklin, having authority to commit any prisoner or debtor to jail, shall be authorized and required for the term of two years from and after the passage of this act, to commit such prisoner or debtor to the jail in the counties of Kennebec and Somerset, in the same manner as they are now authorized and required to commit the same to the jail in the county of Somerset. And the keepers thereof are hereby required to receive and detain in their custody all such prisoners and debtors; and all persons so committed to jail, in either of the counties of Kennebec or Somerset from the county of Franklin, shall be entitled to the same rights and privileges as though they lived or had their homes in the county where committed as aforesaid. And

Officers may commit any prisoner or debtor to jail in the counties of Kennebec and Somerset.

Keepers obliged to receive them.

Rights and privileges of prisoners.