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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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CHAP. 12. yoke, with bows, ring and staple, suitable therefor, all of the value of three dollars; two chains, each of the value of three dollars; and one ox sled, of the value of ten dollars.

[Approved July 3, 1847.]

Chapter 12.

An act in relation to the support of paupers.

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

Not lawful for any pauper to be set up and bid off by way of auction for support or service.

Proviso.

SECT. 1. It shall not be lawful for the inhabitants of any town in this state, by its overseers or otherwise, to permit any poor and indigent persons, chargeable to such town, to be set up and bid off by way of auction, either for support or service: *provided* nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any town from contracting for the support of their poor by receiving proposals therefor, reserving to themselves the right to judge of the fitness of the person making the proposal.

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 All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved July 3, 1847.]

Chapter 13.

An act additional to chapter eighty-nine of the revised statutes, respecting divorce.

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

When the justices of the S. J. court may decree a divorce from the bonds of matrimony.

SECT. 1. The justices of the supreme judicial court are authorized and empowered, at any term of said court, holden by a majority of the justices thereof, to decree a divorce from the bond of matrimony in all cases not now provided for by law, when there is no collusion between the parties for the purpose of procuring a divorce, when a majority of all said justices, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall deem it reasonable and proper, conducive to domestic harmony, and consistent with the peace and morality of society, that a divorce should be granted.

Power to impose terms in regard to the future support of the wife, &c.

SECT. 2. In such cases, the said justices shall have the same authority to impose terms in regard to the future support of the