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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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the same may be dismissed by the court ; but it may be restored by the court at any time during the term at which the same is entered, if in its opinion justice requires it.

SECT. 7. If the judgment upon such appeal shall be wholly against the laying out, altering, or discontinuing of the road prayed for, no petition, praying substantially for the same action, shall be entertained by the county commissioners, within two years from the rendition of judgment on such appeal.

If judgment be against said appeal, no petition for the same action to be entertained within two years.

[Approved August 2, 1847.]

Chapter 29.

An act to provide for the better education of youth in cotton and woolen manufacturing establishments.

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

SECT. 1. From and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, no child under the age of fifteen years, and over twelve years, shall be employed to labor in any cotton or woolen manufacturing establishment, unless such child shall have attended some public or private day school, where instruction is given by a teacher, qualified as the laws of this state require teachers in our public schools to be qualified, at least three months of the twelve months next preceding any and every year in which such child shall be so employed.

Children employed between the age of 12 and 15 years, to attend school three months each year.

SECT. 2. No child, under the age of twelve years, shall be employed in any cotton or woolen manufacturing establishment, unless such child shall have attended some public or private day school, where instruction is given by a teacher, qualified as in section first of this act is provided, at least four months of the twelve months next preceding any and every year in which such child shall be so employed.

— under the age of 12 years, four months.

SECT. 3. The owner, agents, or superintendent of any cotton or woolen manufacturing establishment, who shall employ any child in any such establishment, under fifteen years of age, without first having deposited with the clerk or agent thereof a certificate from a teacher duly qualified, and under oath, certifying that such child has attended school under his or her charge, as is provided by this act, shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars for each offence, to be recovered by indictment in any court competent to try the same, one half to the complainant, and the other half to the town where the offence

Certificate of the fact to be deposited with the clerk, or agent.

Penalty.

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was committed, for the use and benefit of the public schools, to be apportioned among the several districts as other school money is apportioned.

Power of superintending school committee.

SECT. 4. The superintending school committees within this state may inquire into any violation of this act, and make report of the same to the county attorneys of the several counties; and it shall be their duty, as soon as may be after the reception of said report, to prosecute for such violations.

[Approved August 2, 1847.]

Chapter 30.

An act to change the places of holding the district court and court of county commissioners in the county of Lincoln.

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

All terms of the dis. court and the court of co. commissioners for Lincoln county, to be holden at Wiscasset.

SECT. 1. The terms of the district court for the middle district within and for the county of Lincoln, now required to be held at Topsham, commencing on the fourth Tuesday of June and at Warren on the fourth Tuesday of October, annually; and the terms of the courts of county commissioners for said county, now by law required to be held at Warren, commencing on the second Tuesday of May, and at Topsham on the first Monday of September, annually, shall respectively be held at Wiscasset, within and for said county, upon the above mentioned days fixed by law for the holding said terms respectively, any thing in any former acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Matters now pending, returnable to said courts.

SECT. 2. All writs, warrants, complaints, executions, petitions, recognizances, orders, certificates, reports, and all processes of every kind whatever, commenced for, pending in, or returnable to, either of said courts at either of said terms to be held at Warren or Topsham, next after the passage of this act shall be returned to, have day in, and be acted upon by said courts at Wiscasset, at the respective terms to which such action would have been had, had not the place of holding said courts been changed as provided in the first section of this act.

County commissioners authorized to dispose of county property at Warren and Topsham.

SECT. 3. The county commissioners for said county of Lincoln are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of at public or private sale, the court houses at Warren and Topsham and all real and personal estate connected therewith, belonging to, and being the property of said county, and are authorized to execute deeds of