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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1849.

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## CHAP. 134.

redeem said lands by paying to the purchasers thereof the sums for which said lands were sold, together with twenty per centum interest on said sums from the time of sale, provided that such payment shall be made within two years from the time of said sale.

When to take effect.

SECT. 10. All taxes assessed the present year shall be collected according to the provisions of this act, without reference to the month in which said assessment was made.

SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

[Approved August 14, 1849.]

### Chapter 134.

An act to exempt certain property from attachment.

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

Articles exempted.

One barrel of flour and ten dollars worth of lumber, wood or bark, the property of any debtor, shall be exempt from attachment and execution.

[Approved August 14, 1849.]

### Chapter 135.

An act to exempt homesteads from attachment and levy or sale on execution.

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

Real estate exempted.

SECT. 1. The real estate of any citizen residing within this state, and any interest he may have therein, or the dwelling house of any such citizen, though standing on land not his own, shall be exempt from attachment and levy or sale on execution to the value of five hundred dollars on any debt contracted by him, after the passage of this act.

Attachment valid on the excess over and above \$500.

SECT. 2. If any real estate or any interest therein, or any dwelling house held as aforesaid, shall be attached or seized on execution to be sold or levied upon, and the value thereof shall exceed five hundred dollars, the attachment, seizin, sale and

levy shall be effectual to hold or pass what may remain thereof after setting off to the debtor from such part thereof as he may select, five hundred dollars in value, which set-off the officer having the execution shall cause to be made and appraised by three disinterested men in the same manner provided by law for setting off lands on levy of execution.

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How appraised.

SECT. 3. Real estate exempted by virtue of this act shall not be deemed assets in the hands of any administrator or executor of the debtor, nor shall such estate be in any way liable for the payment of the debts of the deceased owner, provided said debtor shall have a wife or minor children.

Not liable for debts of deceased debtor, if he leave a wife or minor children.

SECT. 4. Any person who shall not be possessed of the real estate exempted by the first section of this act may hold personal property in lieu thereof to the amount of five hundred dollars in addition to the personal property now exempted by law from attachment. Said personal property may be selected by the debtor and appraised as provided by the second section of this act.

Personal property exempted.

SECT. 5. Such exemption shall not extend to any lien on any property, real or personal, obtained before this act takes effect, by virtue of attachment or otherwise, nor to any such lien obtained on any such property within six months after such existing contract becomes due.

Property in certain cases not exempted.

SECT. 6. No conveyance or alienation by the husband, of any property exempt and set off as aforesaid shall be valid unless the wife join in the deed of conveyance.

Conveyance invalid unless the wife of the husband join in said conveyance.

SECT. 7. Nothing in this act shall be considered as exempting any property from taxation or sale for taxes assessed on the same.

Not exempted from taxation.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after the last day of December next.

[Approved August 14, 1849.]

### Chapter 136.

An act for the government of the Insane Hospital.

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

When any insane person shall have been in the insane hospital six months, any friend or person liable for his or her support, or any city or town supporting such patient, may, if they

When it is deemed that patients are unwarrantably detained.