## MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

### STATE OF MAINE,

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## PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE.

1852.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force on and CHAP. 259. after the thirtieth day of April.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

#### Chapter 259.

An act in addition to chapter one hundred and forty-four of the revised statutes.

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

Whenever the demandant in any action of dower Demandant in shall decease during the pendency of such action, her executor or administrator may on motion come in and prosecute said action to final judgment and be entitled to recover in said action the same damages, that the demandant if living would be entitled to recover, for the detention of her dower, up to the time of the decease of said demandant, and full costs; but in no case shall said executor or administrator recover judgment for dower, and said executor or administrator may also bring and maintain the action provided for, in the seventh section of said chapter, or prosecute the same to final judgment, if commenced by said demandant in her lifetime.

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SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 17, 1852.]

#### Chapter 260.

An act additional to the ninety-third chapter of the revised statutes.

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

SECT. 1. The estate of every illegitimate child not ac- Estates of illeknowledged or adopted as mentioned in the third section of ren, descent of, the chapter to which this is additional, whether he shall have died before or shall die after the passage of this act, intestate, without lawful issue, shall in all cases descend to his mother, or in case of her decease, before or after the decease of such intestate, to her heirs at law: provided such estate shall not Proviso. have been distributed prior to the passage of this act, under direction of the probate court having jurisdiction of the same,