

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1852.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1852.

CHAP. 291.

Chapter 291.

An act in relation to the liabilities of husbands for the debts and contracts of their wives contracted before marriage.

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

Husbands exempt from debts, &c. of wives made before marriage.

SECT. 1. Hereafter when any man shall marry, his property shall be exempt from any and all liability for the debts or contracts of his wife made or contracted before marriage; but an action to recover the same may be maintained against such husband and wife, and the property of said wife held in her own right, if any, shall alone be subject to attachment, levy, or sale on execution, to satisfy all liabilities for such debts and contracts, in the same manner as if she were unmarried.

Property of wife holden.

Wife may defend alone or jointly with her husband. Not liable to arrest.

SECT. 2. In any such action the wife may defend alone or jointly with her husband; but no arrest of the person of such husband or wife shall be authorized upon any writ or execution arising under this act.

Rights of married women under the age of 21 years.

SECT. 3. Any married woman under the age of twenty-one years shall have, and may exercise, all the rights, privileges and powers enumerated in the several acts now in force, securing to married women their rights in property in the same manner, and with the same effect, as though she were of full age.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 26, 1852.]

Chapter 292.

An act concerning judicial proceedings.

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

Judgment on cases marked law, prohibited until the first term of said court in said county.

SECT. 1. No judgment shall be entered, in any action or process now pending in the supreme judicial court, in any county, and marked law on the docket of the clerk of said court, until the first term of said court, held within and for said county, according to the provisions of an act entitled "an act concerning the supreme judicial court and its jurisdiction," approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, notwithstanding the supreme court held within and for the district within which said county is situated, may before that time, give an opinion decisive of the case; and all law cases now