

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

EXTRA SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 1853,

AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1854.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1854.

CHAP. 99.

Chapter 99.

An act to abolish the office of chaplain of the state prison.

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

Chaplain of state prison, office of abolished.

—services of, &c., appropriation for.

SECT. 1. The office of chaplain of the state prison be, and the same is hereby abolished.

SECT. 2. There shall be annually paid out of the treasury of state the sum of three hundred dollars, to be expended by the warden of the prison, under the direction of the inspectors, as follows: two hundred dollars to such clergymen of Thomaston as will perform the duties of chaplain of the prison; fifty dollars for the purpose of maintaining a school in the prison; and fifty dollars for the purpose of purchasing books for the use of the convicts.

—how supplied.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the warden of the prison to invite every ordained clergyman of Thomaston to perform the aforesaid service of chaplain in rotation.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

[Approved April 19, 1854.]

Chapter 100.

An act to amend chapter eighty-nine of the revised statutes.

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

Dower of wife in case of divorce.

SECT. 1. Whenever a divorce is granted to the wife on the libel of the wife, for the fault of the husband for any other cause than for impotence, she shall be entitled to, and have, her dower in the husband's estate, to be recovered, assigned and set out to her in the same manner as though her said husband were dead; and the real estate which her said husband held in her right, the court may assign to the wife for her own use; and also the personal estate which the husband received in virtue of the marriage, or such part thereof as the court shall deem reasonable, or a sum of money equal in value to the whole of the same or such part thereof as shall be deemed proper; and the court may likewise grant to the wife such alimony

Court may assign certain real or personal estate.

—may grant alimony.