

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

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AND THE

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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 All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.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

out of the husband's estate, as shall be judged reasonable, having regard to the ability of the husband; and to effectuate any decree as aforesaid, said court may order the real estate of the husband, or any part thereof, or of the rents and profits of the same, to be assigned and set out to the wife for and during her natural life; or, in lieu of alimony, said court may order a specific sum of money, to be paid by the husband to the wife, and employ such legal process as may be deemed necessary to carry the decrees aforesaid into execution.

CHAP. 101.

—decree of, how effectuated.

[Approved April 19, 1854.]

Chapter 101.

An act concerning the Passamaquoddy Indians.

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

SECT. 1. There shall be paid to the Passamaquoddy Indians, the sum of one thousand dollars annually, out of the interest accruing upon the funds belonging to said tribe.

\$1000 appropriated for benefit of Passamaquoddy Indians.

SECT. 2. The agent for said tribe shall pay out said money in person, as follows: four hundred dollars in the month of May, annually; and three hundred dollars in the month of November, annually—in an equal proportion to each member of said tribe.

—how distributed.

SECT. 3. The said agent in person shall distribute to the distressed poor of the tribe, three hundred dollars, annually, in sums not exceeding fifty dollars in any one month, in such portions to each of such distressed persons, as his or her circumstances may seem to demand.

Same subject.

SECT. 4. The agent for said tribe shall be paid an annual salary of three hundred dollars; payable semi-annually, in the months of May and November in each year, out of the funds of said tribe, which sum shall be in full for his services as agent, including commissions on disbursements.

Salary of agent.

SECT. 5. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may draw warrants on the treasury for the sums specified in this act, to be paid to the Indians, and for the salary of the agent, and also for the bounties on agricultural products, which may become due under the provisions of sections thirty-one and thirty-two of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes.

Warrants may be drawn for certain purposes.

SECT. 6. Sections twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, and twenty-nine, of chapter fifteen of the revised

Inconsistent acts repealed.