

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1855.

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sary to keep said side-walks clear of snow or other obstructions, under suitable and proper penalties. CHAP. 150.

SECT. 2. Said cities and towns are further authorized to adopt such by-laws and ordinances as they may deem necessary for the regulation of the measure and sale of wood, coal and bark, coming into said towns and cities, and the location of teams containing the same, and enforce such regulations by reasonable penalties; and may also adopt such by-laws or ordinances regulating infectious diseases and the health of their respective places, as they may deem proper.

—authorized to regulate the measure and sale of wood, &c.

—location of teams.
—infectious disease, &c.

SECT. 3. Said cities and towns are hereby further authorized to adopt such regulations in regard to the erection of wooden buildings within their limits, as they may think the public safety requires, and may define the proportion and dimensions of the wooden buildings to be hereafter erected under any regulations which may be adopted by virtue hereof, and may provide penalties necessary for the due execution of such regulations; and any building erected in violation of the by-laws and ordinances of any city or town shall be deemed to be a nuisance and shall be liable to all the proceedings and penalties provided by law in case of nuisance.

—wooden buildings.

SECT. 4. Said cities and towns are also hereby authorized to make by-laws or ordinances to regulate the going at large of dogs, swine and cattle within their respective towns and cities, and establish such fines, penalties and restrictions as they may deem necessary and proper to enforce the same: Provided however, that all by-laws and ordinances adopted by virtue of this act, shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State.

—the going at large of dogs, swine, &c.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 13, 1855.]

Chapter 150.

An act respecting school agents.

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

SECT. 1. If any school agent shall neglect to give notice in writing to the school committee of the time when the school in his district is to commence, whether the same is to be kept by a master or mistress and how long the said school is expected to continue in

School agents, duty to give notice of commencement of schools, &c.

CHAP. 151. operation, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar, for each day the school shall continue without such notice having been given.

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

[Approved March 13, 1855.]

Chapter 151.

An act to establish a municipal court in the city of Biddeford.

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

Municipal court
in the city of
Biddeford
established.

Judge, powers
and jurisdiction
of.

Court, jurisdic-
tion of

Appeals from
said court.

Warrants, how
issued.

SECT. 1. A municipal court shall be and hereby is established in and for the city of Biddeford, to be denominated "the municipal court of the city of Biddeford," which shall be a court of record with a Seal, and said court shall consist of one judge to be appointed, qualified and hold his office, according to the constitution, and shall, except when interested, exercise concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace and justices of the peace and quorum over all such matters and things, civil and criminal, within the county of York as are by law within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace and justices of the peace and quorum in said county; and said court shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all actions by law cognizable by justices of the peace and justices of the peace and quorum, in which either of the parties, or in which any person, who shall appear of record as interested in any such suit, or in which any person who shall be named therein as trustee, are citizens of, or residents in said city of Biddeford, and also over all offences, committed within the limits of said city, cognizable by justices of the peace, and shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the supreme judicial court, in all civil actions, in which the debt or damages demanded shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars; and shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with the supreme judicial court, over crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed in said county, which are by law punishable by fine, not exceeding twenty dollars, and by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding three months, or by sentence to the Reform School; and any party may appeal from any judgment or sentence of said court, to the supreme court, in the same manner, as from a sentence or a judgment of a justice of the peace.

SECT. 2. Warrants may be issued upon complaints for offenses committed in said city, by the judge of said court, or by any justice