

# 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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after such second term were proper and necessary for the due administration of law and justice in that case. And in any case which has been entered on the trial docket as aforesaid, if no issue shall be joined and no actual trial in any mode be had, and judgment be rendered for the plaintiff, the defendant shall be liable for treble costs, unless the judge presiding as aforesaid shall certify or enter upon record that the defendant had reasonable grounds for filing his said specification and declaration, and that the same was not filed for the mere purpose of delay. In case any civil suit marked law, and continued on the dockets of the supreme judicial court, for each county, respectively, when this act shall take effect, shall not have been entered in the law court within the district by the party whose duty it was so to have entered the same, such suit may be entered within the first two days of the next succeeding law term in said district. And in all cases in which a party, whose duty it shall be to enter any civil action in the law court of any district in this state, shall fail to enter the same within the first two days of the term when it may or should be entered, the opposite party may thereafter, during the same term, enter a complaint, briefly setting forth the facts, and the court, on being satisfied of the truth of said complaint, shall order judgment to be rendered in favor of such complainant, as of the preceding term, in the county where such action shall be pending. And if the case shall be on demurrer to the declaration, or on exceptions, the complainant shall recover treble costs from the time such demurrer or exceptions were filed.

SECT. 5. All acts or parts of acts relating to the time and place for holding the terms of said court, by not less than a majority of said court, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed, and such repeal shall not revive any former act.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from and after the thirtieth day of April next.

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

CHAP. 175.

Defendant liable to treble costs.

Certain suits may be entered within first two days of law term.

Proceedings in case of neglect.

Certain acts repealed.

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**Chapter 175.**

An act to authorize plantations to raise money for schools.

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

SECT. 1. All plantations organized for election purposes only, are hereby authorized and required in May next, and thereafter,

## CHAP. 176.

Plantations  
authorized to  
raise money for  
support of  
schools, &c.

to raise money for schools; to divide said plantations into school districts; to choose superintending school committees, school district agents, treasurers, collectors, and all other legal officers, in the same manner, to the same extent, under the same liabilities and penalties, and with the same power of assessing and collecting said money, and of enforcing accountability and obligations on the part of said officers, as towns now have; so that said plantations, so far as raising and expending money for schools are concerned, shall, in all respects, be in the same condition, and have the same power, as towns; *provided*, that the amount so raised shall not exceed the sum of one dollar to each inhabitant of said plantation.

Assessors  
authorized to  
assess taxes.

SECT. 2. The assessors of said plantations are hereby authorized and required to assess a tax upon all the polls and estates within their respective plantations, for the purposes aforesaid, and commit a list thereof to the collector, in the same manner as assessors of towns.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

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

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

### Chapter 176.

An act annulling the naturalization powers of courts in this state.

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

Naturalization  
powers of courts  
of this state  
abolished.

SECT. 1. No court created by the authority of this state, however extended its jurisdiction, or by whatever name designated, nor any functionary pertaining to said court, shall hereafter, hold or exercise any jurisdiction in the administration of the laws of congress, commonly known as the naturalization laws; nor shall said court take cognizance of any application of any alien to be admitted to become a citizen, to make any record or grant, or issue any certificate or other document, or paper whereby any alien shall be naturalized or made a citizen of the United States: *provided*, that all cases where application has already been made and filed in any court, shall be saved from the operation of the foregoing section.

Proviso.

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

[Approved March 16, 1855.]