

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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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1855.

CHAP. 179.**Chapter 179.**

An act to amend chapter one hundred eighty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and forty-six relating to coroners.

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

Fees and expenses of coroners.

SECT. 1. Chapter one hundred and eighty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and forty-six, is amended by adding the words "fees and," in the fifth line of the act, before the word "reasonable," so that a sufficient compensation for the fees and reasonable expenses shall be allowed to coroners for taking and attending an inquest, and serving warrants and subpoenas therefor.

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

[Approved March 16, 1855.]

Chapter 180.

An act to facilitate the detection and to prevent the circulation of counterfeit bank bills.

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

Marking of counterfeit bank bills.

SECT. 1. Any and every bank now established, or which may be established under the authority of this state, which shall receive in payment, or upon deposit, or for redemption from any other bank, or from any person or persons, any counterfeit bank bill, shall or may write or stamp upon such bank bill the words "counterfeit," adding thereto, or thereunder, the name of the bank, and the name or initials of its officer, by which such writing or stamp shall be made.

—altered bank bills.

SECT. 2. Any bank note or bill which may have been altered from its original denomination or amount to some other, may in like manner be stamped with the word "altered," in such manner as to give notice of such alteration.

Damage for marking bills not counterfeit.

SECT. 3. If any bank or its officer shall by mistake or inadvertence make any such writing or stamp upon a bank note or bill which is not in fact a counterfeit or an altered bill, the bank or its officer shall not be answerable in damages for any sum greater than the actual loss or damage which such mistake or inadvertence may produce, except in cases where it appears the stamp was fraudulently made.

Record of bills marked to be kept.

SECT. 4. The officer of said bank shall keep a book in which he shall record the denomination of the bill so stamped as aforesaid,