

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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or written upon, and the name of the bank from which it purports to have issued, and the date and number of the bill so stamped or written upon, and the time when stamped and written upon by him. CHAP. 181.

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

[Approved March 17, 1855.]

Chapter 181.

An act for the admission of interested witnesses.

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

SECT. 1. No person offered as a witness shall be excluded by reason of his interest in the event of the action, but his interest may be proved to affect his credibility. Testimony of interested witnesses admissible.

SECT. 2. The above section shall not apply to a party to the action, nor to any person for whose immediate benefit it is prosecuted or defended. —parties to actions excepted.

SECT. 3. When an assignor of a thing in action or contract is examined as a witness, on behalf of any person deriving title through or from him, the adverse party may offer himself as a witness to the same matter in his own behalf and shall be so received; but such assignor shall not be admitted to be examined in behalf of any person deriving title through or from him against an assignee or an executor or administrator, unless the other party to such contract or thing in action whom the defendant, or plaintiff represents, is living and his testimony can be procured for such examination. —of assignor admissible in certain cases.

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

[Approved March 17, 1855.]

Chapter 182.

An act further to protect personal liberty.

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

SECT. 1. No judge of any court in this state and no justice of the peace shall hereafter take cognizance of, or grant a certificate in cases arising under the act of congress, passed September eighteen, Claims for fugitive slaves not cognizable.