

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1856.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 250.

Chapter 250.

An act regulating conveyances by married women.

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

Husband and wife required to join in conveyance of certain real estate.

SECT. 1. No conveyance by a married woman, of any real estate, conveyed to her directly or indirectly by her husband, paid for directly or indirectly by him, or given or devised to her by her husband's relatives, shall be deemed valid, unless her husband shall join with her in such conveyance.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

[Approved April 4, 1856.]

Chapter 251.

An act relating to administration on estates of deceased married women.

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

Judge of probate authorized to allow expenses for sickness of deceased married women.

Whenever administration shall hereafter be granted on the estate of any married woman, whose husband survives her, the judge of probate shall be authorized to allow, in the account of the administrator, all reasonable expenses paid by him to the husband, on account of the last sickness of the deceased.

[Approved April 4, 1856.]

Chapter 252.

An act to amend chapter thirty of the revised statutes.

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

Sect. 6, Chap. 30, of R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section six of chapter thirty of the revised statutes, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: Sect. 6. When any person is injured in his land, by sheep, swine, horses, asses, mules, goats, or neat cattle, whether in a common or general field, or in a close by itself, he may recover his damages, in an action of trespass against the person owning or having the possession of the beasts at the time of the damage; and in any such action, there shall be a lien on said beasts, and they may be attached and held to respond the judgment as in other cases,

Damages, how recovered.

Lien.

whether owned by the defendant or only in his possession, or by distraining the beasts, or any of them, doing the damage, and proceeding therewith, as hereinafter directed; *provided*, Proviso that if the beasts shall have been lawfully on the adjoining lands, and shall have escaped therefrom, in consequence of the neglect of the person who had suffered the damage, to maintain his part of the partition fence, the owner of the beasts shall not be liable for such damage.

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

[Approved April 4, 1856.]

Chapter 253.

An act to provide for the incorporation of musical societies.

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

SECT. 1. Any seven or more persons capable of contracting, desirous to form themselves into an association for the purpose of cultivating and practicing music, may apply in writing by them signed to any justice of the peace, to issue his warrant for calling a meeting of such associates to be held at the time and place and for the purpose stated in such application, who shall issue his warrant accordingly to some one of such associates; and it shall be the duty of such person to notify the meeting by posting the purport of the warrant in some public place, in the city or town, where a majority of such associates reside, or by giving personal notice to them, severally, at least seven days before said meeting.

Musical associations, incorporation of authorized, and mode of incorporation.

SECT. 2. At such meeting, the said associates may form themselves into a body politic and corporate, by such name as they shall choose, for the purpose aforesaid, and may adopt any suitable by-laws for their proceedings and government. They may at any time admit other associates, and may take and hold property, to an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars, and shall be subject to the general laws of the state relating to corporations.

--may select corporate name.

--adopt by-laws.

--may hold property, &c.,

[Approved April 5, 1856.]