

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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OF THE

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CHAP. 7.

If owner tender amount due, purchaser shall release.

Proceedings in case of neglect or refusal to release.

Money paid to the treasurer of state, how appropriated.

SECT. 2. In case any owner or part owner shall pay or tender to the purchaser the amount due from him, with the interest and cost for release, as aforesaid, within the time allowed by law for the redemption, it shall be the duty of said purchaser to make and execute, upon reasonable demand, a release of the land so redeemed, discharging any claim by virtue of such sale; and if he shall unreasonably neglect or refuse so to do, a bill in equity may be maintained against him to compel the execution of such discharge, together with the payment of costs, and any damages occasioned by such unreasonable neglect and refusal.

SECT. 3. When any money shall have been paid to the treasurer of state under the provisions of this act, the governor is authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for the payment of the same to the purchaser for whom it was so paid, or his legal representatives.

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

[Approved March 7, 1857.]

Chapter 7.

An act repealing all acts relating to the inspection of hops.

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

Hops, all acts in relation to the inspection of, repealed.

SECT. 1. All acts and parts of acts relating to the inspection of hops, be and the same are hereby repealed; saving, however, to parties all rights which have accrued under the provisions of said acts, as effectually as if the same had not been repealed.

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

[Approved March 16, 1857.]

Chapter 8.

An act relating to the property of deceased married women.

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

Rights of husband in estate of deceased wife.

When a husband waives a provision made for him in the will of his deceased wife, her estate being solvent, and in all cases where she dies intestate and solvent, he shall be entitled to an allowance

from her personal estate, and a distributive share in the residue thereof, in the same manner as a widow is in the estate of her husband; and if she leaves issue, he shall have the use of one-third; if no issue, of one-half of her real estate, for his life, to be recovered and assigned in the manner and with the rights of dower.

[Approved March 16, 1857.]

Chapter 9.

An act granting further powers and privileges to agricultural and horticultural societies.

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

Any agricultural or horticultural society, legally incorporated, may take and hold property, real and personal, the annual income of which shall not exceed three thousand dollars, to be applied exclusively to the advancement of agriculture and horticulture, and the arts connected therewith; and the several treasurers of said societies shall give suitable bonds to the board of trustees of said societies, or to such officers as the societies may designate, and their successors in office, for the safe keeping of said property and accounting therefor, and the faithful discharge of their duty.

Agricultural and horticultural societies may hold real and personal property. Annual income, how applied.

—treasurers to give bonds.

[Approved March 16, 1857.]

Chapter 10.

An act in relation to wills.

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

When a legacy is directed to be paid by executors or trustees to a person or corporation, upon conditions first to be performed by the person or corporation, and no time is stated in the will, or in the charter or by-laws of the corporation, within which the conditions are to be performed, a reasonable time, (not exceeding five years from the date of this act,) or from the probate of the will proved subsequently to this act, is allowed therefor; and if not so performed within that time, it shall be administered as an undivided estate, unless otherwise disposed of by the will.

Legacy by will, how disposed of in certain cases.

[Approved March 20, 1857.]