

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

1857.

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1857.

CHAP. 39.

Liabie for double amount of property taken.

Rights and liabilities of owners.

of ship timber, or cedar, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered in the same manner and for the same uses as provided in section one of said chapter, and shall be liable to pay the owner or owners thereof double the value of the same, as provided in section four of said chapter; and the owner or owners of any such railroad sleepers, knees, or other description of ship timber, or cedar, shall have all the rights, benefits and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities, provided for the owner or owners of logs, masts or spars, in sections five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven of said chapter.

[Approved April 13, 1857.]

Chapter 39.

An act amending chapter two hundred and sixty-five of public laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-six, approved April ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, respecting the militia.

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

Number of volunteer militia reduced.

Section seven of chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the public laws, approved April ninth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, is hereby amended, by striking out in the second line the word ten, and inserting instead thereof the word four.

[Approved April 13, 1857.]

Chapter 40.

An act relating to the appointment of guardians of insane married women.

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

Guardians to insane married women, appointment of, &c.

SECT. 1. The judge of probate in any county may appoint the husband, or some other suitable person, guardian of an insane married woman, belonging to said county, on a written application of the municipal officers of the town where she belongs; such application shall be made, and all proceedings thereon had, as provided in chapter one hundred and ten of the revised statutes.

—bond and authority of.

SECT. 2. The guardian so appointed shall give bond as other guardians, and is authorized to apply such portions of her estate to

her support, in the insane hospital or otherwise, as may be necessary, and for that purpose to sell her real estate, as guardians of other incapacitated persons may.

[Approved April 13, 1857.]

Chapter 41.

An act to make valid the doings of selectmen and superintending school committees, in certain cases.

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

The doings of the selectmen and superintending school committees, of the several towns in this state, who, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, distributed any portion of the monies raised for the support of schools among the small districts, under the provisions of an act approved March thirteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, are hereby made valid, in the same manner as if said act had not been repealed.

Certain doings of selectmen and superintending school committees made valid.

[Approved April 13, 1857.]

Chapter 42.

An act in addition to chapter two hundred and fifty-six of the public laws of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, relating to the disclosure of poor debtors.

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

SECT. 1. The fees of the officer for arresting a debtor on execution, if he discloses without giving bond, shall be fifty cents, and his travel from the place of arrest to the place of disclosure, at the rate of four cents a mile; for keeping the prisoner, one dollar a day, for each day, until on disclosure he is by the justices discharged, or remanded into his custody on the execution, and one dollar a day for every assistant by him necessarily employed in the keeping of the debtor after arrested; for notifying the creditor and the justices, twenty-five cents each, and necessary travel, at the rate of four cents a mile. No officer shall be required by law to arrest a debtor on execution, unless a reasonable amount for his fees and charges herein provided for, is first paid or secured to his satisfaction. He shall account for the amount so paid, and restore the overplus to the

Fees of officer for arresting debtor on execution, established.

Officer not required to arrest, unless fees be paid, &c.

—to account for amount paid, &c.