

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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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1857.

CHAP. 26.**Chapter 26.**

An act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Somerset to re-assess certain taxes.

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

Authorized to re-assess certain taxes.

SECT. 1. The county commissioners of the county of Somerset, at their next session after the passage of this act, are hereby authorized to re-assess upon the unincorporated tracts and townships of land, situated in said county, the several amounts assessed thereon by the commissioners of said county in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, as their proportion of the ordinary county expenses of that year, the treasurer of said county having failed to certify the same seasonably to the state treasurer; and the taxes, hereby authorized to be re-assessed, shall be collected according to the provisions of the one hundred and thirty-third chapter of the laws of Maine, approved August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and of the eighty-eighth chapter of said laws, approved August eleventh, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, so far as the same are now in force, without reference to the month in which said taxes may be re-assessed.

—how collected.

—certificate of.

SECT. 2. The taxes hereby authorized to be re-assessed, shall be certified to the treasurer of state, in like manner as is now provided by law.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 16, 1857.]

Chapter 27.

An act to regulate the duties of the agent of the Penobscot Indians.

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

Penobscot Indians, census of, when and how taken.

SECT. 1. An accurate census of the Penobscot tribe shall be taken as it existed on the Wednesday next before the first day of April of each year, in which shall be stated the name and sex, and age as near as may be, of each Indian, each family by itself. No person, not an Indian of that tribe, shall be included therein. It shall be taken by one or more of the superintending school committee of the town of Oldtown, certified under oath, and delivered to the agent as soon after the first day of April as may be. Corrections of the list, by reason of births, deaths or omissions, may, as

they come to the knowledge of the committee, be certified to the agent, and he shall correct his list accordingly. A reasonable compensation shall be paid to the committee by the agent, and charged in his account, and allowed to him and paid out of the state treasury. This list, as corrected, shall, with his account, be returned to the governor and council.

SECT. 2. All payments, except bounties, shall be made per capita, according to the list. The shares of minor children, under the care of their parents, shall be made to the mother, if living; if not, to the father, or other persons with whom they live. Minors over eighteen years of age, who take care of and support themselves, may receive their shares in person. If any Indian fails to claim his share during the year, it shall, if claimed by him in person, in the second year, be paid; if not so claimed, it shall be added to, and divided with the sum to be paid to the tribe.

Payments, how
and to whom
paid.

SECT. 3. Every such adult may receive his proportion of the specific articles, by the treaty stipulations to be paid to the tribe, in such articles, or an equivalent therefor, in other suitable articles of his own selection. The parent or person having the care of minors, shall elect and choose for them. It shall be the duty of the agent to make payment in that manner.

Specific articles,
how disposed of.

SECT. 4. All articles delivered in any such payments, or in any other payments, for or on account of the state, shall be of good quality, and charged at a fair cash price. The agent shall enter in his account every payment so made, the date, the amount paid, the name of the person on whose account paid, and each item of the articles, and the price thereof, and the name of the person to whom delivered. An accurate transcript of this account, verified by his oath, shall be rendered by the agent in the settlement of the accounts of his agency. If the annuity is paid in other articles, he shall state, in his account, what amount he allowed the Indian for his share of the annuity. The amount of crop, upon which bounties are paid, shall be ascertained by actual measurement thereof.

Agent, duty of.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from the time of its approval.

[Approved March 16, 1857.]