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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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CHAP. 111.

Answers, &c.,
not to be used
as evidence.

SECT. 2. Such answers, and any of the proceedings or declarations made in said probate court, shall not be used as evidence in any action in any court, directly or indirectly.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

[Approved March 15, 1862.]

Chapter 111.

An act to amend section eight of chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes relating to billiards and other games in public houses.

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

Chap. 27, Sec.
8, R. S.,
amended.

SECT. 1. Section eight of chapter twenty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "keep" in the first line, and after the word "exercise" in the fifth line, and after the word "sport" in the seventh line, the words : for gambling purposes ; so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Innholders and
victuallers to
allow no gamb-
ling on their
premises.

SECT. 8. No innholder or victualler shall have or keep for gambling purposes about his house, shop or other buildings, yards, gardens or dependencies, any dice, cards, bowls, billiards, quoits or other implements used in gambling ; or suffer any person resorting thither to use or exercise for gambling purposes any of said games, or any other unlawful game or sport therein ; and every person who shall use or exercise any such game or sport for gambling purposes, in any place herein prohibited, shall forfeit five dollars.

Penalty.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 15, 1862.]

Chapter 112.

An act allowing office copies of deeds to be used in evidence in all suits where the title to real estate is in controversy.

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

Copies of deeds
allowed in
evidence in
certain cases.

SECT. 1. In all actions touching the realty, and in all other actions where such title is material to the issue between the parties, and where original deeds would be admissible, office copies of such deeds from the registry of deeds may be read in evidence without

—when neither party is party to the deed, &c.

proof of their execution, where neither the party offering such office copy, nor the party opposing, is a party to the deed, or claims as heir, or justifies as servant of the grantee or his heirs.

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

[Approved March 17, 1862.]

Chapter 113.

An act providing for the assessment of taxes upon certain towns and plantations.

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

SECT. 1. The county commissioners of the several counties containing unincorporated townships, shall in March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, determine from the census of eighteen hundred and sixty, what townships had at that time, not less than two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and make a suitable description and designation thereof, and return them to the secretary of state to be by him recorded.

County commissioners to determine what townships have not less than 250 inhabitants.
—to make return to secretary of state.

SECT. 2. The county commissioners, of counties described in the preceding section, shall in March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and at the expiration of every subsequent period of five years, determine from the United States census when it shall have been taken the preceding year, and by actual enumeration when such census has not been so taken, what townships have not less than two hundred and fifty inhabitants, and thereupon a description and designation thereof shall be made, returned and recorded, as provided in the preceding section.

—to take census every five years.

Return thereof to be made and recorded.

SECT. 3. Immediately after making the return required in the preceding sections, said county commissioners shall cause such plantations to be organized in the manner prescribed in section seventy-five of chapter six of the revised statutes, and thereupon all the general laws of this state applicable to organized plantations shall be in force, and apply to the plantations to which this act relates.

Townships to be organized as plantations.

SECT. 4. The assessors who shall be first chosen in such plantations, shall immediately take an inventory of the polls, and valuation of the property therein, as inventories and valuations are taken in towns, and return them on or before the fifteenth day of May following their election to the county commissioners of their county, who shall have power to examine and correct the same in such a manner as shall make said valuation conform to the last state val-

Valuation, assessors to take and return to county commissioners.

—to be examined and corrected.