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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1863.

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## CHAP. 215.

**Chapter 215.**

An act relating to dower.

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

Release of  
dower made  
valid.

SECT. 1. The release of dower by a married woman of any age now or hereafter made by joining in the deed of her husband in the manner required by law shall be valid.

Separate deed  
of release made  
effectual.

SECT. 2. In any case where the husband has conveyed real estate in which conveyance his wife has not joined to release her right of dower therein, and in any case where the interest of the husband in any real estate has been taken by levy and the right of redemption has expired, the separate deed of release by said wife of such real estate shall be effectual to bar all her right or claim to dower in the same.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 25, 1863.

**Chapter 216.**

An act to amend section fourteen of chapter twelve of the revised statutes relating to local parishes.

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

Chap. 12, sec.  
14, R. S.,  
relating to  
local parishes,  
amended.

SECT. 1. Section fourteen of chapter twelve of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting between the word "and" at the end of the third line, and the word "may" at the commencement of the fourth line, the following words: any such person having resided in such parish one year after the passage of this act and after he has arrived to the age of majority without either giving written notice to its clerk of his consent to be a member thereof, or paying a tax or subscription, according to whichever of these modes the said parish may have adopted to raise money for lawful purposes, shall be deemed to have thereby dissolved his connection therewith; and said connection shall remain dissolved, and such person shall not be taxable until he renews the connection by giving written notice to its clerk of his consent to be a member of said parish; and any person of age residing in a local parish, so that the entire section as amended shall read as follows :

Connection,  
how dissolved.

SECT. 14. Any person of age residing in a local parish, holding funds derived from this state or Massachusetts shall be deemed a member of it until he dissolves the connection; and any such person having resided in such parish one year after the passage of this act, and after he has arrived to the age of majority, without either

Persons deemed  
members.

giving written notice to its clerk of his consent to be a member thereof, or paying a tax, or subscription according to whichever of these modes the said parish may have adopted to raise money for lawful purposes, shall be deemed to have thereby dissolved his connection therewith; and said connection shall remain dissolved, and said person shall not be taxable until he renews the connection by giving written notice to its clerk of his consent to be a member of said parish; and any person of age residing in a local parish may become a member of such parish not deriving funds from the state, by giving written notice to its clerk of his intention to do so within one year after he is of age or removes thereto.

Connection,  
how dissolved.

Approved March 26, 1863.

**Chapter 217.**

An act to authorize the surrender of the charters of existing banks in this state and to remit a portion of the bank tax.

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

SECT. 1. That from and after the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, there shall be remitted to the several banks of this state such portion of the semi-annual bank tax stipulated by their charters to be paid to the state as shall be equal to the amount of tax required by the laws of the United States to be paid on the circulation and deposits of such banks to the United States; *provided* that the sum shall not exceed the amount of one half of one per centum per annum on the capital stock of the bank to which the same may be remitted. The receipt of the proper United States officer of the payment of the tax to the general government on the circulation and deposits of any bank of this state, shall be evidence of the amount of such payment, and on presentation of the same to the treasurer of state in the months of April and October, he shall credit to the banks producing said vouchers the amount appearing by the same to have been paid, subject to the limitation that it does not exceed the amount of the tax due from such bank, and these vouchers held by the treasurer shall be allowed him in the settlement of his account as so much cash.

Bank tax,  
portion of  
remitted.

Proviso.

Evidence of  
payment U. S.  
tax.

--to whom  
presented.

Treasurer of  
state, duty of.

Limitation.

SECT. 2. Any bank in this state is hereby authorized by a vote of a majority of its stockholders, at any meeting of the same duly called, to surrender its charter, and any banking company so surrendering its charter shall continue in its corporate capacity for the term of two years from the time of filing notice with the secretary of state of the vote to surrender its charter, which notice shall

Banks may  
surrender  
charter.

Corporate  
powers, contin-  
uation of.