

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1864.

CHAP. 229.

Chapter 229.

An act authorizing the introduction in evidence, of office copies of custom house records and documents.

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

Custom house records, &c., copies of may be used in evidence.

SECT. 1. The attestation of the collector of customs or his deputy, under seal of office, copies of registers or enrolments of vessels or of any other custom house records or documents deposited in the office of said collector, shall be used in evidence and have the same force as the records would have if the same were produced in court and were verified by the recording officer in person.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved March 4, 1864.

Chapter 230.

An act relating to rules of evidence.

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

Defendant shall be a competent witness in certain cases.

In any action by an executor, administrator or other legal representative of a deceased person, when the account books or other memoranda of such deceased party are used as evidence to prove any account or claim embraced in such action, the defendant party in such action shall be a competent witness to testify in regard to such account or claim.

Approved March 8, 1864.

Chapter 231.

An act additional to chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes, relating to railroads.

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

Damages, how determined.

SECT. 1. Whenever county commissioners shall hereafter be required to assess damages to the owners of land as provided in the fifth and following sections of the fifty-first chapter of the revised statutes, instead of requiring the payment of such damages in money, they shall direct such railroad corporation, in addition to the pecuniary damages which shall be assessed upon them, to construct and maintain such cattle guards, cattle passes and farm crossings, as said commissioners shall judge reasonable for

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