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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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## CHAP. 495.

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SECT. 17. The trustees shall, whenever required by the legislature, lay before them a statement of the affairs of the company, and submit to an examination on oath, concerning the same.

SECT. 18. The trustees shall appoint their secretary and require such bond as said company, by vote, or by-laws, may prescribe for the faithful discharge of his duty, and may at pleasure remove him or any other officer they may appoint. Beside other duties, the secretary shall call a meeting of the members, whenever required to do so, in writing, by three or more persons holding policies, to a sum equal to one-fifth of the whole amount insured, or whenever required to do so by a vote of the board. He shall keep a true record of the votes of the members and of the trustees, and a true list of the members, in a book kept for that purpose.

SECT. 19. No certificate shall be issued to any person who is in debt to the company, and no transfer of a certificate shall be permitted so long as the holder is indebted to said company; but the amount of such certificates may be taken at the discretion of the company, and offset against such indebtedness.

SECT. 20. Any judgment obtained by the said company against the holder of any certificate, shall create a lien on such certificate to the amount of such judgment, and the interest of the holder may be taken and sold by the company, on execution, in the same manner as other chattel property.

SECT. 21. No certificate shall issue unless claimed within two years from the declaration of the dividend, whereof it may be evidence; but the amount shall be carried to the contingent fund of said company.

Approved February 20, 1865.

### Chapter 495.

An act to set off part of the town of Starks and annex the same to the town of Mercer.

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

Town of Starks, part of annexed to Mercer.

SECT. 1. That so much of the town of Starks, in the county of Somerset, as is described by this act, be, and the same is hereby set off from said Starks, and annexed to the town of Mercer, in said county, viz: beginning at the easterly line of said Mercer, at Sandy river; thence down said river upon the northwesterly side of the Farrand Island, so called, and upon the northwesterly side of the Gray and Farrand Island, so called, to the northeasterly corner of Herod Robbins' land; thence in a southeasterly direction upon the northeasterly line of said Robbins' land, to land of John

Holbrook junior; thence on the line between land of said Robbins and said Holbrook, to land of Seth H. Holbrook; thence southwesterly by said Robbins' land, to land occupied by Nathaniel Chapman; thence upon the northwesterly and northerly line of said Chapman's land, to the line of said Mercer; thence upon the line of said Mercer, to the place of beginning. And the said inhabitants shall enjoy the same rights and be subject to the same requisitions as the inhabitants of the town of Mercer.

SECT. 2. The inhabitants so annexed, with the estates so set off, shall be holden to pay the arrears of all taxes which have been legally assessed upon them, together with their proportion of all corporate debts, due or owing from said town of Starks, at the time this act takes effect; said proportion to be ascertained by the last town valuation of said town of Starks; and the same may be assessed and collected by the proper officers of said town of Starks, in the same manner as if this act had not been passed; and said inhabitants and estates so set off, shall not be liable to be taxed in the town of Mercer, for any of the indebtedness of said town of Mercer, incurred prior to the passage of this act.

Inhabitants annexed, their liability.

SECT. 3. The inhabitants so set off shall be entitled to their just proportion of all moneys which shall hereafter accrue, and be paid to said town of Starks from the state or national governments, by reason of said governments assuming the payment of the expenses in any way incurred by said town of Starks for war purposes prior to the passage of this act.

Inhabitants set off, their rights.

SECT. 4. All paupers now chargeable to the town of Starks, residing on the territory hereby set off, and all persons who shall hereafter become chargeable as paupers, having acquired a legal settlement on said territory, shall be supported by the town of Mercer.

Paupers, where chargeable.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of Starks, to make return to the secretary of state by the first day of May, next, of the proportion of the state valuation of that town and the polls therein, as shown by the valuation taken in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, which has been transferred by this act to the town of Mercer; and in imposing state and county taxes after the passage of this act, the valuation of Mercer shall be increased by the amount thus transferred, and that of Starks shall be correspondingly diminished, until a new valuation shall be made.

Return of valuation to be made to secretary of state.

Valuation for state and co. taxes, how changed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from its approval by the governor.