

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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CHAP. 138. 'enter judgment accordingly. And the whole proceedings are to
'be recorded and become effectual.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 27, 1868.

Chapter 138.

An act to amend section twenty-two of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes.

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

R. S., chap.
81, sect. 22,
amended.

SECT. 1. Section twenty-two of chapter eighty-one of the revised statutes is hereby amended, by inserting after the word "lives," in the fourth line of said section, the words 'or against accidents.' Said section is also amended by inserting after the word "state," in the sixth line, the word 'or,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Service on for-
eign insurance
companies,
how made.

'**SECT. 22.** In an action against an insurance company 'estab-
'lished in any other state or country, by an inhabitant of this
'state, on a policy of insurance signed or countersigned by an
'agent in this state, on property or lives, or against accidents,
'within this state, a summons in usual form, or a copy of the writ
'and declaration delivered to the agent or attorney of the company
'within this state, or left at his last and usual place of abode, shall
'be a sufficient service, or if such service is made upon the person,
'being an inhabitant of the state, who countersigned the policy,
'on which such action is founded, it shall be a sufficient service ;
'but in either case, the court may order further notice to be given
'to such company.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved January 30, 1868.

Chapter 139.

An act concerning specie payments.

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

Public laws of
1862, chap. 72,
continued in
force.

SECT. 1. Chapter seventy-one of the laws of eighteen hundred sixty-two, entitled "an act to suspend certain provisions in chapter forty-seven of the revised statutes, concerning banks," is hereby further continued in force until the fifteenth day of February,

eighteen hundred sixty-nine; *provided* said banking corporations shall, upon demand, pay or tender payment of their bills, checks or drafts, in lawful money of the United States. CHAP. 140.
Proviso.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 3, 1868.

Chapter 140.

An act additional to chapter fifty-three of the revised statutes of this state, relating to telegraph companies.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever it shall be necessary to cut or otherwise disconnect the wires of any telegraph company, or to remove them from the poles or fixtures to which they are attached, in order to move a building across the same, or for any other purpose, any person desiring so to cut, disconnect, or remove such wires, shall have the right so to do, exercising reasonable care therein; *provided* that before doing so, he shall make a statement in writing, by him signed, of the time when, and the particular place where, by reference to the crossings of the streets or highways, he wishes to cut, disconnect, or remove such wires as aforesaid, and leave the same at the office of such company, if any there is, in the town where such place is situated, twenty-four hours before the time so stated; and if such company has no office in the same town, then he shall send such statement by mail to the office of such company nearest to the place named therein, by putting it into the post-office, properly directed and stamped, three days before the time stated therein.

Authority to out or disconnect telegraph wires when necessary for removal of buildings or other purposes, granted.
—prior notice to be given to the telegraph company.

SECT. 2. Whoever shall wilfully cut, disconnect, remove, or otherwise interrupt the use of any telegraph wires, without first giving notice as provided in the first section of this act, shall be punished as provided in section two of the one hundred and twenty-seventh chapter of the revised statutes of this state.

Penalty for removing without prior notice.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of every person, or company, using or owning any line of telegraph, wholly or partly in this state, to transmit all dispatches in the order in which they are received, under the penalty of one hundred dollars, to be recovered with costs of suit, by the person whose dispatch is wilfully postponed out of its order as herein prescribed.

Messages to be transmitted in the order of reception.
—penalty for violation.

SECT. 4. Any clerk, operator, messenger, or other agent of any telegraph company, doing business in this state, who shall wilfully divulge the contents, or the nature of the contents of any private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, shall

Penalty for divulging contents of messages.