

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1871.

Chapter 649.

An act for the relinquishment to the United States in certain cases of title to lands for sites of light stations on the coast and waters of the state.

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

Proceedings for the relinquishment to the United States of the title to land for the erection of light-houses, &c., when the title cannot be otherwise obtained.

SECT. 1. That whenever it shall be made to appear to any justice of the supreme judicial court, upon the application of any authorized agent of the United States, that the said United States are desirous of purchasing any tract of land and the right of way thereto, within the limits of this state, for the erection of a light-house, beacon-light, range-light, or light-keeper's dwelling, and that the owner or owners of said land are unknown non-residents, or minors, or from any other cause, are incapable of making a perfect title to said lands, or in case the said owners being residents, and capable of conveying, shall, from disagreement in price, or any other cause whatever, refuse to convey said lands to the United States, it shall be the duty of said justice to order notice of the said application to be published in some newspaper nearest to where said lands lie, once in each week, for the space of four months, which notice shall contain an accurate description of the said lands, together with the names of the owners, or supposed owners, and shall require all persons interested in the said lands to come forward, on a day to be specified in said notice, and file their objections, if any they should have, to the proposed purchase ; and at the time specified in said notice it shall be the duty of a justice of said court to empanel a jury, in the manner now provided by law, to assess the value of said lands at their fair market value, and all damages sustained by the owner of the lands so appropriated by reason of such appropriation, which amount when so assessed, together with the entire costs of said proceedings, shall be paid into the county treasury of said county in which said proceedings are had, and thereupon the sheriff of the said county, upon the production of the certificate of the treasurer of said county that the said amount has been paid, shall execute to the United States, and deliver to their authorized agent a deed of the said lands, reciting the proceedings in said cause, which said deed shall convey to the said United States a good and absolute title to the said lands against all persons whatsoever.

Disposal of the purchase money.

SECT. 2. The money so paid into the county treasury shall there remain until ordered to be paid out by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Treasurer receiving the money to give a bond.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the judge directing the money to be paid to a county treasurer, in accordance with the proceedings of this act, to require of such treasurer a bond in double the amount of money ordered to be paid by him, with two or more

sufficient sureties, to be approved by said judge. Said bonds shall be payable to the people of the State of Maine, for the use and benefit of such persons, severally, as are entitled to said money. Said bonds shall be executed and approved and filed with the clerk of said court before receiving said money. CHAP. 650.

SECT. 4. In all cases of publication of notice under this act the court shall require the same proof as in cases of publication of notice under the civil practice act of this state. Proof of notice.

Approved February 18, 1871.

Chapter 650.

An act to incorporate the town of Eustis.

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

SECT. 1. Township numbered one in range four, Franklin county, heretofore known by the name of Eustis plantation, is hereby incorporated into a town by the name of Eustis, with all the rights and powers of towns, and subject to all the liabilities thereof. Eustis, town of, incorporated.

SECT. 2. The collectors of Eustis plantation shall have power to finish the collection of all taxes which have been committed to them for collection prior to the approval of this act, and in case of unpaid non-resident taxes, shall have power to return them to the treasurer of the town of Eustis, as collectors of towns may now do, and the treasurer of said town of Eustis is hereby authorized and fully empowered to collect the same, as treasurers of towns may now do. Collectors of Eustis plantation, powers of, in collecting taxes.

SECT. 3. Allen Blanchard, junior, is hereby authorized to call the first meeting for the organization of said town, by posting up two warrants in two public places in said Eustis plantation, seven days previous to the meeting, in the months of March or April following the approval of this act. First meeting, how called.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 18, 1871.

Chapter 651.

An act to incorporate the Portland Rossini Club.

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

SECT. 1. H. N. Weatherbee, Emily R. Brown, Elizabeth C. Allen, Isabella L. Millett, H. S. McCobb and Mary D. Boyd, their Corporators