

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 14.

Salary of agent
of Penobscot
Indians.

Passamaquoddy
Indians.

B. S., chap. 9,
sects. 11 and 12,
relating to supt.
of agriculture for
Penobscot In-
dians, repealed.

Sect. 1. The persons who have been appointed as agents for the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes of Indians, shall continue to perform the duties assigned to them according to the tenure of their respective appointments. The agent of the Penobscot Indians shall receive three hundred dollars, and the agent of the Passamaquoddy Indians three hundred dollars annually, payable in the months of May and November, out of the funds of said respective tribes, in full for their services as agents, including commissions on disbursements.

SECT. 2. Sections eleven and twelve of chapter nine of the revised statutes, are hereby repealed.

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

Approved February 17, 1872.

Chapter 14.

An act relative to the service of precepts upon deputy sheriffs.

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

Service of pre-
cepts against
deputy sheriffs.

Any precept against the deputy of a sheriff may be served by any other deputy of the same sheriff.

Approved February 17, 1872.

Chapter 15.

An act to promote immigration and facilitate the settlement of the public lands.

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

Board of immi-
gration created.

SECT. 1. There shall be a board of immigration in this state, composed of the governor, secretary of state and land agent.

Duty of the
board.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of said board to appoint a commissioner of immigration, an agent resident in New Sweden, and to exercise a general supervision over the expenditure of all moneys appropriated by this act.

Duty of commis-
sioner of immi-
gration to publish
information to
encourage immi-
gration.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of said commissioner to collect statistics and other useful information concerning the climate, soil, productions and resources of the state, the amount and location of unsettled lands in Maine, the terms offered by the state to settlers, together with the condition and progress of the colony at New Sweden, and such other information as he may deem proper, and cause the same to be translated into the Swedish language and

distributed in Sweden and the United States in such manner as may be deemed desirable and best calculated to promote the provisions of this act; *provided* the whole amount expended for this purpose shall not exceed the unexpended balance of the appropriation for same purpose, enacted by the legislature in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

SECT. 4. It shall be the further duty of said commissioner to exercise a general care and oversight over all immigrants coming to Maine, to give them all needful information, to assist them in settling upon the public lands of the state, or obtaining employment within its borders, and to have special charge of the colony at New Sweden, to the end that its development and prosperity may be promoted in every way consistent with law; and the compensation and entire expenses of said commissioner shall not exceed the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars. And it shall be the duty of said agent, resident in New Sweden, to have special charge of the state store-house, stores, tools and all other state property there, to receive and disburse all state supplies, and keep proper accounts and vouchers therefor; and the compensation of said agent shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars.

Duty of commissioner towards immigrants.

Compensation.

SECT. 5. The board aforesaid may, if in their opinion the circumstances require it, expend for provisions, tools and seed to be sold the colonists, and for which payment may be taken in labor on the roads, public buildings and other public works, an amount not exceeding eight thousand dollars; for schools, two hundred dollars, and for all other necessary aid an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Board of immigration authorized to make expenditures for certain purposes.

SECT. 6. The board aforesaid may cause all immigrants arriving under the provisions of this act to be settled on any of the public lands of the state not otherwise appropriated, and assign to each man over twenty-one years of age, by certificate from the land agent, a lot of one hundred acres of land; and the land agent shall, at the expiration of five years from the date of said assignment, grant each of the persons aforesaid, or his heirs at law, a deed of warranty or other valid title of the lot assigned him; *provided* each of said persons has established his residence on the lot assigned him, has built him a comfortable house thereon, and has cleared not less than fifteen acres of land within the time aforesaid, ten of which shall be laid down to grass; and all said persons shall be exempt from state taxation until January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

Each immigrant to have a lot of land upon certain conditions

SECT. 7. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the treasury for any of the sums specified in this act.

Governor authorized to draw his warrant for payment of expenses. Limitation.

SECT. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.