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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Снар. 23.

Creditors not to be cited to bear

disclosures on islands, except in

In no case of disclosure by virtue of any of the provisions of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the revised statutes. or acts amendatory thereof, shall a creditor be cited or notified to attend for the purpose of hearing a disclosure upon any island in certain cases. this state, except such island is connected with the main land by a bridge or bridges, unless at the time of said disclosure, the debtor so disclosing resides upon such island, and was arrested in the county where the same is situated; and all disclosures made in violation of this section shall be void.'

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved February 22, 1875.

Chapter 23.

An act additional to chapter twenty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixtynine, concerning the militia.

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

Sect. 1. The volunteer company known as the Biddeford light Biddeford Light Infantry, duties infantry, is hereby made subject to all the duties, and granted all and privileges of. the privileges provided for volunteer companies of militia, by chapter twenty-nine of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixtynine.

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

Approved February 22, 1875.

Chapter 24.

An act to secure the education of youth in the State of Maine.

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

Sect. 1. That every parent, guardian, or other person in the State of Maine, having control of any child or children between the ages of nine and fifteen years, shall be required to send such weeks in each year. child or children to a public school for a period of at least twelve weeks in each year, unless such child or children are excused from Exception. such attendance by the school officers of the town in which such parent or guardian resides, upon its being shown to their satisfaction that the mental or bodily condition of such child or children has been such as to prevent attendance at school or appli-

Children required to attend public school twelve

Снар. 25.

Proviso.

cation to study for the period required, and the certificate of a physician shall be deemed sufficient to satisfy said officers; or that such child or children have been taught at a private school or at home in such branches as are usually taught in primary schools; provided, in case a public school shall not be taught for three months in the year within one and one-half miles by the shortest travelled road of the residence of such delinquent, nor within the school district within which such child resides, he shall not be liable to the provisions of this act.

Penalty for noncompliance with provisions of this act.

- Sect. 2. In case any parent, guardian, or other person having such control, shall fail to comply with section one of this act, he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five dollars and costs of prosecution for such offence, to be recovered in any court competent to try the same, and the magistrate or court to which said fine shall be paid shall pay the same to the treasurer of the town in which the offence was committed, and shall be by him accounted for, the same as money raised for school purposes.
- Sect. 3. Every boy in this state between the ages of nine and fifteen years, who shall neglect or refuse to attend school as required in section one of this act, unless excused by the school officers of the city, town or plantation in which he resides, on being convicted of such offence, shall pay a fine not exceeding five dollars.

Provisions of act, how enforced. Sect. 4. It shall be the duty of the school committee or town supervisor to enforce the several provisions of this act.

Approved February 22, 1875.

Chapter 25.

An act to amend chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, relating to ways.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 18, R. S., amended.

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the words "from town to town," in the second line thereof, the words 'and to grade hills in any such highway; and by inserting after the word "alteration," in the sixth line thereof, the word 'grading, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

County commissioners, certain powers of, defined.

'Sect. 1. County commissioners have power to lay out, alter or discontinue highways leading from town to town, and to grade hills in any such highway. Nothing in any city charter shall be so construed as to deprive them of the power to lay out, alter or discontinue county roads within the limits thereof. Responsible