

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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1875.

Chapter 26.

CHAP. 26.

An act to repeal chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to revive all acts and parts of acts repealed by said chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred seventy-four, and to amend chapter seventy-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

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

SECT. 1. Chapter three hundred and fourteen of the resolves of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby repealed, and all statutes and parts of statutes relating to the land agent or land office, in force at the passage of said resolve, are hereby revived.

Ch. 314, resolves 1874, repealed.

Certain statutes revived.

SECT. 2. Section two of chapter seventy-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, is hereby amended, by striking out the whole of said section, and substituting therefor the following words :

Sec. 2, ch. 76, public laws 1872, amended.

'Section four of chapter seventy-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, is hereby amended by striking out the letter "s," in the word "offices," in the eleventh line of said section ; also by striking out, in the same line, the words "and Bangor ;" also by striking out, in the thirteenth line, the words "either of," and also the letter "s," in the word "offices," so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

Sec. 4, ch. 76, public laws 1872, amended.

SECT. 4. The governor and council and land agent shall constitute a board, under whose direction all surveys of land shall be made. An accurate plan or map of all lands surveyed, shall be returned to the land office, and entered upon the plan-books, within three months after the survey is completed, on which shall be laid down all lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, falls, mill-sites and roads. The field notes of such surveys shall contain a description of the growth, soil and general character of the township, and of every lot, if it is surveyed into lots, which shall be deposited in the land office within three months. The said plans and field notes shall be kept at the office in Augusta, open for inspection at all times when the land agent or his assistant is in said office ; he shall aid in furnishing information about the public lands to all persons who seek for it at his office.'

Board for surveys of lands.

Plans of surveys to be made and entered on books of land office.

Field notes.

Plans and field notes to be kept at Augusta.

SECT. 3. The land agent, under the direction of the governor and council, shall, as speedily as the public good allows, bring to a termination all unsettled business connected with the land office and relating to the lands belonging to the state.

Unsettled business to be terminated.

SECT. 4. The governor, state treasurer and land agent are hereby created a commission, to inquire what further steps are necessary in order to finally close up the affairs of the land office, and placing the settling land in such custody as shall be for the best interest of the state, and hasten their settlement, and report to the next legislature.

Commission to close up affairs of land office.

CHAP. 27.

Acts of land agent made valid.

SECT. 5. All the official acts of Parker P. Burleigh, as land agent, since the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, are hereby made valid.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 22, 1875.

Chapter 27.

An act to amend section nine of chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, relating to the powers and duties of prison and jail inspectors.

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

Sec. 9, ch. 133, public laws 1873, amended.

Jail inspectors may remove prisoners from one jail to another.

SECT. 1. Section nine of chapter one hundred thirty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby amended by adding thereto: 'And said inspectors shall have power to remove prisoners from jails where no arrangements are made for the convicts to labor, to some other jail where they may be set at work; and when one jail has a larger number of convicts at labor than can be well accommodated, to remove a portion of them to another jail where better facilities for labor can be afforded them. For this purpose said inspectors may issue precepts to any officer in this state qualified to serve precepts in criminal cases, to cause such removal, and the expense of removal shall be paid by the county in which said convicts were sentenced.'

--may issue precepts for removal of prisoners.

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

Approved February 22, 1875.

Chapter 28.

An act giving to the municipal and police courts jurisdiction in matters of liens upon personal property in certain cases.

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

Ch. 91, R. S., amended.

Police courts concurrent jurisdiction with S. J. court.

SECT. 1. The ninety-first chapter of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section :

'SECT. 48. The municipal and police courts of the several cities and towns in this state shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the supreme judicial court and trial justices in their respective counties, over liens and proceedings relative thereto, for an amount not exceeding the sum which limits the jurisdiction of