

# 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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PUBLIC LAWS

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**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

such courts in civil actions, to be enforced as provided in this chapter.'

CHAP. 29.

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

Approved February 23, 1875.

### Chapter 29.

An act to amend the twenty-second section of the fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes.

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

The twenty-second section of the fifty-ninth chapter of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" in the second line, and inserting in the place thereof the word 'three,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows :

Sec. 22, ch. 59,  
R. S., amended.

'SECT. 22. Whoever neglects to perform the duties required of him in the three preceding sections, forfeits not exceeding ten dollars for each offence, to be recovered half to the town and half to the prosecutor.'

Clerks and assessors of towns, penalty for neglect of duty.

Approved February 23, 1875.

### Chapter 30.

An act for the better protection of life and property.

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

SECT. 1. The governor, by and with the consent of the council, shall annually appoint one competent and practical engineer, a citizen of this state, whose duty it shall be, during the months of August and September, upon petition of the selectmen or assessors of any town, or county commissioners of any county to inspect any dam or reservoir located in such town, which now is or may be hereafter erected for the purpose of saving water for manufacturing or any other purposes whatever, and after personal examination, and hearing testimony of witnesses summoned for the purpose, to report forthwith to the governor his opinion of the safety and sufficiency of said dam or reservoir.

Engineer to be appointed to inspect dams and reservoirs.

—to report to governor and council.

SECT. 2. If, after such personal survey and inspection, the engineer shall adjudge, determine and report that any such dam or reservoir is unsafe or dangerous to the lives or property of persons residing near or below such dam or reservoir, then the

If dam or reservoir be reported unsafe, owners or occupants to make repairs.