

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

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1876.

CHAP. 124.

Chapter 124.

An act additional to chapter thirty-one of the Revised Statutes, relating to Factors, Agents and Warehouse-men.

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

SECT. 1. The following sections are hereby added to chapter thirty-one of the revised statutes.

Title to goods, &c., in public warehouse, how passed.

'SECT. 4. The title to goods and chattels stored in a public warehouse shall pass to a purchaser or pledgee, in good faith, by the indorsement to such purchaser or pledgee, but not in blank, of the warehouse-man's receipt therefor, signed by the person to whom the receipt was originally given, or by an indorsee of the receipt, and recorded in the books of the warehouse-man with whom such goods and chattels are stored.'

Account of warehouse transactions to be kept.

'SECT. 5. Each warehouse-man shall keep books in which shall be entered an account of all transactions relating to the warehousing, storing and insuring of goods, wares and merchandise, and the issuing of warehouse-man's certificates, and the indorsement thereof, which books shall be open to the inspection of any person interested in the property stored in his warehouse.'

Goods and chattels liable to attachment.

'SECT. 6. Goods and chattels stored with a public warehouse-man may be attached as the goods of the person named in the warehouse-man's receipt therefor, when no indorsement of such receipt has been recorded on the books of the warehouse-man; and where any such indorsement has been recorded, may be attached as the goods of the last indorsee of the receipt, shown by the books of the warehouse-man, by leaving at the warehouse where the goods are stored a copy of the writ, with a copy of so much of the officer's return thereon as relates to the attachment of such goods. And an attachment so made shall be valid against any transfer of such goods, the evidence of which is not recorded in the books of the warehouse-man, when the copy of the writ is so left.'

—may be attached as goods of the last indorsee.

Attachment valid.

Penalty for disposing of goods without disclosing attachment.

'SECT. 7. Whoever indorses or assigns, or otherwise disposes of a warehouse-man's certificate, after his interest in the property described in such certificate has been attached, without disclosing the attachment thereof to the person to whom such certificate shall be indorsed, assigned, or disposed of, shall, if he has knowledge of such attachment, be punished by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars and imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding three years, or by imprisonment in the common jail not exceeding one year.'

Who is deemed a public warehouseman.

'SECT. 8. Any person who advertises or offers to receive goods or merchandise, on storage for other parties, shall be deemed a public warehouse-man for the purposes of this act.'

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

Approved February 22, 1876.