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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.

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**Chapter 178.**

An act relative to proceedings in court.

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

In criminal cases defendant may plead over, at same term at which demurrer is overruled.  
Proviso.

That in all criminal cases, the defendant may demur, and in case the demurrer is not sustained, may plead over, at the same term at which the demurrer is overruled, *provided*, that where exceptions are filed to the rulings of the presiding judge, upon the demurrer, said cause shall be in order for trial as if no demurrer had been filed.

Approved February 7, 1877.

**Chapter 179.**

An act in relation to Municipal and Police Courts.

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

Real estate may be attached on writs from municipal or police courts in certain cases.

Where a municipal or police court has a regular seal of court, and a recorder, and has jurisdiction in any action where the amount of damage claimed exceeds twenty dollars, real estate and interests in real estate attachable on writs from the supreme judicial court, may be attached on writs, or taken on executions from such municipal or police court, where the amount of the debt or damage, exclusive of costs, exceeds twenty dollars.

Approved February 7, 1877.

**Chapter 180.**

An act additional to chapter sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes, relating to the appointment of guardians.

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

Guardians may refer action pending in which their wards are interested, to judge of S. J. court or his appointee.

SECT. 1. Guardians of minors, insane and incompetent persons, spendthrifts and convicts, are authorized, by agreement of parties, to refer, by rule of court, any action hereafter pending in the supreme judicial court, in favor of or against their ward, on any claim or demand for money or