

# 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

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**Chapter 186.**

CHAP. 186

An act requiring Railroad Corporations to be holden for labor.

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

That chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes be amended, by adding thereto these words and figures :

Ch. 51, R.S., amended.

‘SECT. 84. Every railroad company, in making contracts for the building of its road, shall require sufficient security from the contractors for the payment of all labor thereafter performed in constructing the road by persons in their employ ; and such company shall be liable to the laborers employed, for labor actually performed on the road, if they, within twenty days after the completion of such labor shall, in writing, notify its treasurer that they have not been paid by the contractors.’

Railroad companies shall require security for payment of laborers, and be liable to them, if notified.

Approved February 7, 1877.

**Chapter 187.**

An act relating to Witnesses and Evidence.

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

SECT. 1. Whenever it becomes necessary, in any court in this state, to prove the testimony of any witness in the trial of any former case in any court in this state, the certified copy of the notes of the testimony of said witness, taken by the stenographic reporter at the court where said witness testified, shall be legal evidence to prove the testimony of said witness.

Testimony of any witness may be proved by a certified copy of stenographic notes of former testimony of said witness.

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

Approved February 7, 1877.

**Chapter 188.**

An act to amend chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes, in relation to disposal of Criminals.

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

Section five of chapter one hundred and thirty-seven of the revised statutes is amended by inserting the words ‘ or county

Sec. 5, ch. 137, R. S., amended.