

# 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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**Chapter 26.**

An act relating to Coroners.

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

SECT. 1. Coroners, when holding inquests, have the same authority as probate courts, to compel the attendance of witnesses, and may commit for contempt.

Coroners may compel witnesses to attend inquests.

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

Approved February 13, 1878.

**Chapter 27.**

An act to amend section twenty-six of chapter ninety of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, in relation to Lime Rock and Slate.

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

Section twenty-six of chapter ninety of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is hereby amended by striking out, in the eleventh line, after the word "slate," the words "arrives at their port of shipment," and inserting in the place thereof, 'is so mined, quarried, or manufactured, unless the same before that time is loaded on cars or vessels for transportation,' so that said section shall read as follows :

Sec. 26, ch. 90, public laws 1876, amended.

SECT. 26. Any person who digs, hauls or furnishes rock for the manufacture of lime, has a lien thereon for his personal services and the rock so furnished, for thirty days after such rock is manufactured into lime, or until such lime is sold or shipped on board a vessel ; any person who labors in quarrying or cutting and dressing granite in any quarry, has a lien for the wages of his labor on all the granite quarried or cut and dressed in the quarry by him or his co-laborers, for thirty days after such granite is cut and dressed, or until such granite is sold or shipped on board a vessel ; any person who labors in mining, quarrying or manufacturing slate in any quarry, has a lien for the wages of his labor on all slate mined, quarried or manufactured in the quarry by him or his co-laborers, for thirty days after the slate is so mined, quarried or manufactured, unless the same before that time is loaded

Lien for labor or materials furnished on lime rock.

—granite.

—slate.

CHAP. 28. on cars or vessels for transportation. Such liens shall have precedence of all other claims, and may be enforced by attachment within the times aforesaid.'

Approved February 13, 1878.

### Chapter 28.

An act to amend section one of chapter fifty-eight of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, relating to Auctioneers.

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

Sec. 1, ch. 53,  
public laws 1876,  
amended.

SECT. 1. Section one of chapter fifty-eight of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is hereby amended in the second line, by striking out the words "suitable inhabitants," and inserting instead thereof the words 'legal voter,' so said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

License of auc-  
tioncers.

'SECT. 1. The municipal officers of any town may license any legal voter of their town, by a writing under their hands, to be auctioneers for one year, in any town in said county ; and shall record every such license in a book kept by them for that purpose. Persons so licensed may be exempted from any liability to deduct two and one-half per cent. from the gross amount of sales, as provided in section three of chapter thirty-four of revised statutes.'

—exempt from  
per centage of  
sales.

SECT. 2. Persons so licensed shall, upon receipt of such license, pay to the treasurer of said town the sum of two dollars, and by him paid into the treasury for the use of the town where such license is granted.

Fee to be paid  
into town treas-  
ury.

Approved February 13, 1878.

### Chapter 29.

An act to encourage the development of the Mining Interests of the State.

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

Mines exempt  
from taxation for  
ten years.

SECT. 1. That all mines of gold, silver, or of the baser metals, which are now or may be opened and in process of development, shall be exempt from taxation for a term of ten years from the time of such opening.