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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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Chapter 241.

An Act relating to Embezzlement of Property, the subject of Larceny.

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

Whoever embezzles, or fraudulently converts to his own use, or secretes with intent to embezzle or fraudulently convert to own use, money, goods, or property delivered to him, or any part thereof, which may be the subject of larceny, shall be deemed guilty of larceny.

Embezzlement of property shall be deemed larceny.

Approved March 21, 1893.

Chapter 242.

An Act to amend Chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to Free Public Libraries.

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

SECT. 1. Section nine of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes, is amended by striking out all of said section and inserting the following :

Sec. 9, ch. 55, R. S., amended.

‘SECT. 9. Any town may establish a free public library therein, for the use of its inhabitants, and provide suitable rooms therefor, under such regulation for its government as the inhabitants from time to time prescribe ; and may appropriate, for the foundation and commencement of such library, a sum not exceeding two dollars, and for its maintenance and increase annually, a sum not exceeding one dollar, for each of its ratable polls in the year next preceding.’

Towns may establish public libraries, and raise money therefor.

SECT. 2. The municipal officers in any town or city where a free public library is established shall annually, on the first day of May, certify to the state treasurer the amount of money appropriated and expended by said town or city during the preceding year for the purchase of books and documents for the use and benefit of such free public library ; and the state treasurer thereupon shall pay to said town from the state treasury for the purchase of books for the use of such library, a sum equal to ten per cent of the amount so expended by said town as certified by its municipal officers.

State shall annually pay ten per cent of amount expended by any town for support of public library.

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Free library maintained by an association expending \$500 annually, shall be deemed a free library, and receive state stipend.

SECT. 3. Any town or city, in which there is a library owned or controlled by a corporation or association, may appropriate a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars yearly, to procure from such library the free use of its books for all the inhabitants of the town or city, under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books, and such library may then be considered a free public library, and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided, that any books and documents purchased with said state stipend, and all books and documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.

Free public library shall be entitled to receive Maine reports, laws, etc., from state library.

SECT. 4. In every town and city where a free public library exists, the state librarian shall transmit to such library all laws, Maine reports, and other documents which the town or city is by law entitled to receive from the state, and the same shall be constantly kept in such library for the use and benefit of all the citizens; and the municipal officers of said town or city shall transfer to said library all the laws, Maine reports and other documents, heretofore received from the state, and now in custody of any of the officers of said town or city; and the officers of said library, on or before the first day of April of each year, shall send to the state librarian, a report containing a list of all books and documents purchased with the state stipend for the preceding year, and of all books and documents received from the state in said library.

State librarian authorized to assist certain towns in establishing free public libraries.

SECT. 5. The state librarian is hereby authorized and directed to donate from the Maine state library to any town of less than fifteen hundred inhabitants, and having no free public library owned and controlled by the town, books purchased for that purpose not exceeding fifty per cent in value the books and documents purchased by said town for the purpose of founding a free public library therein; said donation in no case to exceed one hundred dollars.

No town shall be entitled to benefits, until it has raised one hundred dollars.

SECT. 6. No town shall be entitled to the benefits of this provision, until its legal voters, at a regularly called town meeting, have raised and appropriated not less than one hundred dollars for the purchase of books, and have provided for the care, custody and distribution of its own books, and of those to be donated by the state.

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SECT. 7. The librarian or trustees of any free public library may ask the governor and council for advice in regard to the selection of books, and may receive instruction at the state library in cataloguing, and any other matters pertaining to the maintenance or administration of the library.

Librarians may receive advice from governor and council, in selecting books.

Approved March 21, 1893.

Chapter 243.

An Act relating to Probate Appeals.

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

When a non-resident party appears by an attorney residing in this state before the judge of probate in any case, and an appeal is taken, the service of a copy of the reasons of appeal upon such attorney shall be sufficient.

Service of a copy of reasons, sufficient when a non-resident appears by attorney and appeals.

Approved March 21, 1893.

Chapter 244.

An Act establishing the salary of the Register of Probate in and for the county of Piscataquis.

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

SECT. 1. From and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, the salary of the register of probate of the county of Piscataquis shall be five hundred dollars per annum, instead of the sum now allowed by law.

Salary of register of probate, Piscataquis county, established.

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

Approved March 21, 1893.