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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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OF THE
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of its ratable polls in the year next preceding to procure for 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 a library shall then be considered a free public library within the meaning of this chapter, and said town or city shall be entitled to the benefits of the preceding section, provided that any books and documents purchased with said stipend, and all books and documents donated by the state, shall be and remain the property of said municipality.'

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 24, 1905.

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Chapter 167.

An Act to amend Section twenty-three of Chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, relating to offenses against persons, and to prevent the improper use of telephones.

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

Section twenty-three of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the revised statutes of the state of Maine is hereby amended by inserting after the words "justice of the peace," in the eighth line thereof, the following: "And whoever without reasonable cause or provocation shall wilfully and wantonly or maliciously vex, irritate, harass or torment any person by communications to, or conversation with, such person over or by means of any telephone, or shall call out any fire department, police department or other municipal department, or any portion or persons thereof, by intentionally giving a false alarm or call to such department or to any officer or member thereof by means of any telephone line or lines," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 23,
chapter 119,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 23. Whoever, verbally, or by written or printed communication maliciously threatens to accuse another of a crime or offense, or to injure his person or property, with intent thereby to extort money or procure any advantage from him, or to compel him to do any act against his will, and whoever being more than sixteen years of age shall wilfully and wantonly or maliciously vex, irritate, harass or torment any person in any way, after having been forbidden so to do, by any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, police officer or justice of the peace, and whoever without reasonable cause or provocation shall wilfully and

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wantonly or maliciously vex, irritate, harass or torment any person by communications to, or conversation with, such person over or by means of any telephone, or shall call out any fire department, police department or other municipal department, or any portion or persons thereof, by intentionally giving a false alarm or call to such department or to any officer or member thereof by means of any telephone line or lines shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.'

Approved March 24, 1905.

Chapter 168.

An Act to amend Section two of Chapter twenty-five of the Revised Statutes, relating to Ferries.

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

Section 2,
chapter 25,
R. S.,
amended.

Section two of chapter twenty-five is hereby amended by inserting after the words "fix their tolls" the words 'and in case no person is found to keep them for said tolls, regulate and fix the compensation of the ferryman,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

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'Section 2. They may establish ferries at such times and places as are necessary, and fix their tolls, and when no person is found to keep them for said tolls, shall regulate and fix the compensation of the ferryman, and shall discontinue the same when, in their judgment, shall be expedient. When no person is found to keep them for the tolls, the towns in which they are established shall provide a person to be licensed to keep them, and shall pay the expenses, beyond the amount of tolls received, for maintaining them. When established between towns, they shall be maintained by them in such proportion as the commissioners order. For each month's neglect to maintain such ferry or its proportion thereof, each town forfeits fifty dollars.'

Approved March 24, 1905.