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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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establishment, increase or maintenance of public parks and play-grounds in such town; and may accept by vote of the legal voters thereof, any land in such town to be used as a public park or play-ground, or both combined,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Towns may receive devises and gifts for public libraries.  
—may accept lands and buildings.  
—may receive devises and gifts for public parks and play-grounds.

'Section 19. Any town, as such, may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for the establishment, increase or maintenance of a public library therein; and may accept by vote of the legal voters thereof, any land or land and buildings thereon, to be used as a public library or art gallery, or both combined. Any town, as such, may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for the establishment, increase or maintenance of public parks and play-grounds in such town; and may accept by vote of the legal voters thereof, any land in such town to be used as a public park or play-ground, or both combined. When any plantation is incorporated into a town, such gifts and the proceeds thereof fully vest in such town.'

Approved April 1, 1909.

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### Chapter 184.

An Act in relation to exceptions and appeal in Criminal Cases.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 27,  
chapter  
135, R. S.,  
amended.

Section twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words:

Appeal for  
new trial in  
cases of  
felony.

'But in all other criminal cases amounting to a felony, where like motion is filed and appeal taken to the law court the concurrence of a majority of the justices shall be necessary to grant such motion and sentence shall be imposed upon conviction, either by verdict or demurrer.'

Approved April 1, 1909.

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### Chapter 185.

An Act in relation to Coroners and Coroners' Inquests.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 11,  
chapter  
140, R. S.,  
amended.

Section I. Section eleven of chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "to the coroner," in the fourth line thereof; also by adding to said section the following: 'The word stranger shall be held to mean a person having no residence or place of abode in this state; but such word shall not apply to persons

residing in the state and on whose account reimbursement might be had from the state by reason of his having no pauper settlement within the state.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 11. Every coroner within his county, after the return of an inquisition of the jury upon view of the dead body of a stranger, shall bury it in a decent manner; and all the expenses attending the burial and the expenses of the inquisition shall be paid out of the state treasury, if the coroner certifies under oath that the deceased was a stranger not belonging to the state, according to his best knowledge and belief; otherwise, the expenses of burial shall be paid to the coroner by the town where the body was found, and be repaid to such town by the town to which he belonged; and the expense of the inquisition, by the county. The word stranger shall be held to mean a person having no residence or place of abode in this state; but such word shall not apply to persons residing in the state and on whose account reimbursement might be had from the state by reason of his having no pauper settlement within the state.'

Coroner shall bury the body of a stranger. —expenses. how paid.

—word stranger, how construed.

Section 2. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and forty of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 12, chapter 140, R. S., amended.

'Section 12. The coroner, if an inquest is held, shall be allowed three dollars a day for his services and attendance upon such inquest. The jurymen shall be allowed one dollar and fifty cents a day and travel at six cents a mile. The officer summoning jurors and witnesses shall receive fifty cents for summoning each, and six cents a mile travel for each juror and witness so summoned. In case no inquest is held the coroner shall be allowed three dollars a day for his services and his reasonable and necessary charges for any materials furnished or labor performed. Such fees, services and expenses to jurors, witnesses and officers shall be paid directly to the parties to whom they are due, upon the coroner's certificate, supported by proper vouchers, that the amount is thus due. There shall be paid to the party giving the coroner notice that a dead body has been found, to the person who picked up said dead body, and to the person who has had the care of such body until taken care of by the coroner, a reasonable compensation for their services, but in no event to exceed two dollars for rendering either of the foregoing services.'

Compensation to coroners, jurors, witnesses and others.

—in case of no inquest.