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second line thereof and substituting therefor the words 'six months', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Must remain in jail six months before being liberated by taking poor debtor's oath. When the father of such bastard child has remained for six months in jail, without being able to comply with the order of the court, he may be liberated by taking the poor debtor's oath, as persons committed on execution; but he shall give fifteen days' notice of his intention to do so, to the mother, if living, and to the clerk of the town where the child has its legal settlement, if in the state. The mother and said town may, after such liberation, recover of him by action of debt any sum of money, which ought to have been paid pursuant to the order of the court.'

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 159.

An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Diseased or Disabled Horses.

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

Sec. 1. Sale of diseased horses illegal. It shall be unlawful for any person holding an auctioneer's license to receive or offer for sale or to sell at public auction, or for any person to sell at private sale, any horse which by reason of debility, disease or lameness or for other cause, could not be worked in this state without violating the laws against cruelty to animals, but this section shall not be construed to prohibit the sale to, and the purchase of animals by, humane societies incorporated under the laws of this state for the purpose of humanely killing the same.

Sec. 2. Penalty for violation. Any licensed auctioneer violating any provision of this act shall forfeit his license, and any person violating any provision of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 160.

An Act to Amend Chapter Thirty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Live Stock Sanitary Commissioner.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 35, § 1, relating to office of live stock sanitary commissioner, amended. Section one of chapter thirty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out that part of the section beginning at and including the word "and" in the twelfth line so that said section as amended shall read as follows: