

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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THE
REVISED STATUTES

OF THE
STATE OF MAINE,

PASSED OCTOBER 22, 1840;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

United States and of the State of Maine,

AND TO WHICH ARE SUBJOINED THE OTHER

PUBLIC LAWS OF 1840 AND 1841,

WITH AN

APPENDIX.

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CHAPTER 34.

OF THE SAFE KEEPING OF GUN POWDER, AND PREVENTION OF FIRE.

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| <p>SECT. 1. Selectmen, to make regulations respecting gun powder.</p> <p>2. Penalty for violation of them.</p> <p>3. Gun powder may be seized and libeled.</p> <p>4. Persons, injured by explosion, may recover damages.</p> | <p>SECT. 5. Power of selectmen to search for gun powder.</p> <p>6. Stove pipes to be kept in order.</p> <p>7. Appropriation of fines.</p> <p>8. Publication of town regulations.</p> |
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SECTION 1. In every town, the selectmen are authorized to make regulations, in conformity to which, all gun powder within the town shall be kept, or transported from place to place; and no person shall keep in such town any gun powder in any other quantity or manner, than is prescribed in such regulations.

Selectmen may make regulations, respecting gun powder. 1821, 25, § 1.

SECT. 2. Whoever shall violate any of the provisions of the preceding section, shall forfeit a sum, not less than twenty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, for each offence.

Penalty for violation of them. 1821, 25, § 2.

SECT. 3. All gun powder, kept in any town contrary to said provisions, may be seized by any of the selectmen of the town, as forfeited; and, within twenty days after such seizure, be libeled, and such proceedings be had upon such libel, as are prescribed by law.

Gun powder may be seized and libeled. 1821, 25, § 3.

SECT. 4. Any person injured, by the explosion of gun powder in possession of any person in any town, contrary to the regulations established therein as aforesaid; may have an action for damages against the person, having custody or possession of the same, at the time of the explosion, or against the owner of the same, if conusant of such neglect.

Persons, injured by explosion, may recover damages. 1821, 25, § 4.

SECT. 5. Any selectman shall have authority to enter any building or other place, in his town, to search for gun powder, supposed to be concealed there, contrary to law; having first obtained a search warrant for the purpose, in due form.

Power of selectmen to search for gun powder. 1821, 25, § 5.

SECT. 6. When any stove pipe in any town shall be defective, or out of repair, or so placed as to endanger any other building by communicating fire thereto, the selectmen shall give notice, in writing, to the possessor of such stove, and if he shall unnecessarily neglect, for two days after such notice, to remove or repair the same effectually, he shall forfeit and pay a fine, not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt.

Stove pipes to be kept in order. 1821, 25, § 6.

SECT. 7. The fines and penalties above mentioned shall accrue, one half to the town, in which the offence shall be committed, and the other half to him, who shall prosecute for the same.

Appropriation of fines. 1821, 25, § 7.

SECT. 8. The rules and regulations, which shall be established in any town, according to the provisions of this chapter, shall not be in force, till they shall have been published by the selectmen of such town, three weeks successively, in a newspaper in the county, or by posting up attested copies of them in three public places in such town.

Publication of town regulations. 1821, 25, § 8.