

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 17.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
SIXTY-ONE.

AN ACT additional to chapter sixty-one of the revised
statutes, relating to rights of married women.

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

SECTION 1. A married woman may bargain, sell and
2 convey, her separate real and personal estate, enter
3 into any contracts in reference to the same, carry on
4 any trade or business, and perform any labor or ser-
5 vices on her sole and separate account, and sue and
6 be sued, without the joinder of her husband in all
7 matters having relation to her separate property, bus-
8 iness, trade, services, labor and earnings ; such con-

9 tracts shall not be binding on her husband, nor render
10 him or his property liable therefor, but she and her
11 separate property shall be liable for such contracts.

SECT. 2. Chapter sixty-one, section one, of the
2 revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out
3 from the fourth line of said section, the words “as if
4 sole and.”

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 7, 1861. }

Reported by Mr. GRANGER, from the Committee on Judiciary,
and on motion of

Mr. WEBB of Winthrop, laid on the table, and 350 copies or-
dered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*