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HOUSE.

No. 41.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT punishing the unlawful taking of horses, cattle and other property.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever wilfully, mischievously, and 2 without right, takes or uses any boat or vehicle, or 3 takes, drives, rides, or uses, any horse, ox, or any draft 4 animal, the property of another, without the consent of 5 the owner or other person having the legal custody, 6 care, or control of the same, shall be punished by fine 7 not exceeding three hundred dollars, or by imprison-8 ment for a term not exceeding one year;—provided, 9 that nothing in this section shall be so construed as to

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10 apply to any case where the taking of the property of 11 another is with the intent to steal the same, or when it 12 is taken under a claim of right, or with the personal 13 consent of the owner or other person having the legal 14 control, care, or custody thereof.

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House of Representatives, February 22, 1861.

Reported by Mr. FOX from Committee on Judiciary, and on motion of Mr. RAMSDELL of Atkinson, laid on the table and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, Clerk.