

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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FORTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 43.

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 services
5 on her sole and separate account, and sue and be sued
6 without the joinder of her husband, in all matters hav-
7 ing relation to her separate property, business, trade,
8 services, labor and earnings ; such contracts shall not

9 be binding on her husband, nor render him or his
10 property liable therefor, but she and her separate
11 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.”

AMENDMENT

Offered by Mr. GOULD of Thomaston, to bill An act additional to chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes, relating to rights of married women.

Amend by striking out the first section, and inserting instead thereof the following:

SECTION 1. A married woman may make contracts
2 for the purchase, sale, care, improvement or manage-
3 ment of real or personal estate, held, or to be held by
4 her, separate from her husband; and such contracts
5 may be enforced by or against her, and her separate
6 property, as if sole; but such contracts shall not be
7 binding on her husband, nor shall any married woman
8 be liable to arrest on mesne process or execution in
9 any civil suit.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 26, 1861. }

Laid on the table by Mr. GOULD of Thomaston, and on his motion 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

CHARLES A. MILLER, *Clerk.*