

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the encouragement of the growth of forest trees.

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

That any landholder in this state who shall plant or
2 set apart any cleared lands, or lands from which the
3 primitive forest shall have been removed, for the
4 growth and production of forest trees, within ten
5 years after the passage of this act, and shall success-
6 fully grow and cultivate the same for three years, the
7 trees being not less in numbers than two thousand on
8 each acre, and well distributed over the same, then
9 on application of the owner or occupant of such lands
10 to the assessors of the town in which the same is sit-
11 uated and is so successfully cultivated or set apart to

12 forest trees, and at the same time of such application
13 shall file with said assessors a correct plat of such
14 lands, with description of their location, and setting
15 forth all the facts in relation to the growth and culti-
16 vation of said grove of trees or incipient forest, the
17 same shall be exempt from taxation for twenty years
18 thereafter; *provided*, such grove or plantation of trees
19 shall during that period be kept alive and in a thriv-
20 ing condition.

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SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*