

ty, in any such case, to make a certified transcript of all writs, process, pleadings, papers, and proceedings whatever, in such suit, and transmit the same to the clerk of the district court for Sauk county; and the district court for Sauk county shall have jurisdiction of all such suits the same as though they had been originally commenced in Sauk county.

§ 16. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the collector of Dane county, from collecting any tax now due from the citizens of Sauk county.

APPROVED, January 10, 1844.

AN ACT to punish trespass on lands.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

§ 1. That any person who shall wilfully cut down or destroy or, by girdling or otherwise, shall injure any tree growing or standing upon the private property of any individual, or who shall wilfully cut upon, or take, carry or haul away from any such land any timber or wood previously cut or severed from the freehold, or who shall wilfully cut down or destroy, or by girdling or otherwise shall injure any tree standing or growing upon, or who shall dig or carry away any mineral, earth or stone, in or upon any of the lands reserved and set apart for the use and support of a University in the Territory of Wisconsin, or in or upon any lands reserved or set apart for school purposes, or any of the even sections upon the canal grant, sworn out of market by the settlers upon such lands, shall be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any of said offences, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county Jail of the proper county, not more than one year, or by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, nor less than five dollars: *Provided*, that any justice of the peace, shall have concurrent jurisdiction in his own county with the district court of any offence in this act, when the value of the trees, wood, timber, mineral, earth or stone shall be alleged, not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars, and in such case the punishment shall be by fine, not less than three, nor more than fifty dollars;

Cut or girdle any tree.

Or injure.

On any mineral or school land.

On conviction

Imprisoned and fined.

Proviso.

Justice to have jurisdiction,

Fine not less than \$3 nor more than \$50

and if any person on conviction of such offence shall refuse or neglect for the space of ten days, to pay such fine he shall be imprisoned in the county Jail, not less than ten nor more than fifty days.

§ 2. The twenty sixth section of an act entitled an act, to provide for the arrest and examination of offenders, commitment for trial and taking bail shall be construed to embrace offences under this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of March next.

APPROVED, January 27, 1844.

AN ACT to postpone the payment of principal and interest moneys due from purchasers of canal lands, and other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

Payment of interest, &c. postponed.

§ 1 That the payment of all principal and interest money which now is, or which may hereafter become due to this Territory, from purchasers of lands granted by Congress to said Territory, to aid in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal, be, and the same hereby is indefinitely postponed; and no suit shall be instituted, at law or in chancery, upon any bond, mortgage, or other security, given for any such principal or interest money, until such times as the Legislature shall hereafter determine; and in case any such bond, mortgage, or other security, shall not be paid or discharged until such time as the Legislature shall prescribe, the same, or the condition thereof, shall not for that cause be deemed to have become forfeited: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall affect the right of the Legislature at any time hereafter to require the payment of said interest and principal moneys at such times or on such conditions as they may provide, not inconsistent with the contracts of such purchasers.

Proviso.

Who may pay tax to.

§ 2. That all persons whose lands on said canal grant have been sold for taxes, and redeemed by the Territory or any of its officers or agents, may pay to the Re-