

"An act to provide for taking the sixth census or enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States."

SEC. 2. There shall be an extra session of the Legislative Assembly held on the first Monday in August, 1840.

Approved, January 11th, 1840.

No. 28.

AN ACT for the relief of Joseph R. Brown.

Whereas, Joseph R. Brown and Margerit Brown, a half breed Chippewa woman, were legally married, in the county of Crawford, and the Territory of Wisconsin; and whereas the said Joseph R. and Margerit are mutually desirous of dissolving the marriage contract, in consequence of the danger, they both incur, of the destruction of their lives and property, by continuing to live together, at the place where they have been accustomed to, and now reside, on account of the hostile incursions of the Sioux Indians.

A deed of separation may be executed by and between Joseph R. and Margerit Brown.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin,* That it shall be lawful for the said Joseph R. and Margerit Brown, by a written article of separation, under their hands and seals, to dissolve the marriage contract existing between them. Provided that the article of separation, so to be executed by the said parties, shall contain a provision for the said Margerit Brown, of one third of all the property, real and personal, of the said Joseph R. Brown.

Provision for said Margerit.

Deed how executed and recorded.

SEC. 2. On the execution of such deed of separation, the same shall be subscribed by two disinterested witnesses, and acknowledged before some proper officer, and be submitted to the Judge of the District Court of Crawford county, for his approval, and, if approved, he shall endorse his approval thereon, and the same shall be duly recorded in the office of the Register of deeds of said county.

Effect of the deed.

SEC. 3. On depositing, said deed in the office, of the said Register for record, the marriage contract between said parties shall thenceforth be null and void, and the parties released from all duties and obligations arising therefrom, as fully, effectually, and absolutely as if they never had been joined in marriage; but nothing herein contained shall effect [*affect*] the legitimacy of

the children of the parties lawfully begotten during the continuance of the marriage contract. Not to affect the legitimacy of the children.

SEC. 4. The deed of separation executed in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall vest in the said Margerit Brown, her heirs and assigns, the absolute title to all the estate mentioned and described in said deed, as fully and effectually as if she had been a *feme sole* at the execution thereof. What title vests, thereby, in said Margerit.

Approved, January 11th, 1840.

No. 29.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act in addition to an act to establish the seat of government of the Territory of Wisconsin, and to provide for the erection of public buildings, approved December 3d, 1836, and for other purposes" approved March 8th, 1839.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin,* That so much of section second of the act, to which this act is an amendment, as requires the election of three commissioners of public buildings to be made at each regular annual session of the Legislative Assembly, be and the same is hereby repealed: Repealing section. Provided, that such repeal shall not, in any manner, affect the acts or proceedings of the commissioners elected under the provisions of the said act, but the same shall be and remain of the same force and effect as if this act had not been passed.

SEC. 2. There shall be one commissioner elected, by joint ballot of the Council and House of Representatives, on Saturday the 11th day of January, 1840, at 12 o'clock, M., who shall hold his office until the next regular annual session of the Legislative Assembly, and until another election shall be had, who shall be styled Commissioner of Public Buildings, and an election shall be made at each regular annual session of the Legislative Assembly, by the Council and House of Representatives, in joint ballot, of commissioner of public buildings; and said commissioner, so elected, shall hold this office until the termination of the next regular annual session of the Legislative Assembly after his election. One commissioner of public buildings, to hold his office one year. Provided that nothing in this act shall be so con-