

**Sec. 11.** The first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-fourth, sixty-fifth and seventieth sections\* of the act to which this act is amendatory, are hereby repealed; and all other acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 12.** That all necessary farming utensils, not exceeding in value forty dollars, and one work horse, not exceeding in value sixty dollars, or one yoke of oxen, shall be exempt from execution where the principal occupation of the debtor is farming. The libraries of lawyers, physicians and clergymen, and surgical instruments, shall be exempt from execution, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

**Sec. 13.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of March, A. D. 1841.

Approved, February 19th, 1841.

## No. 8.

**AN ACT** prescribing the tenure of office of certain County Officers, and for other purposes.

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

**Sec. 1.** The clerk of the board of county commissioners shall be elected annually at the general election, by the qualified electors in each county: he shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. The term of service of said clerk shall commence on the first Monday of January in each year.

**Sec. 2.** In case the office of clerk of the board of county commissioners shall in any way be, or become vacant, in any

\*Revised Statute, page 227,

county, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners to appoint said clerk, who shall hold his office until his successor is duly elected.

Sec. 3: The clerk elected or appointed by virtue of this act, shall perform the same duties, and have the same powers, that are now performed and executed by the clerks of the boards of county commissioners, and be subject to the same liabilities.

His duties.

Sec. 4. The term of office of the several boards of county commissioners in this territory, shall expire on the first Monday of January next. The county commissioners of the several counties, shall be elected annually, at the general election, by the qualified electors in each county: they shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and the term of service of said commissioners shall commence on the first Monday of January in each year.

Present county comm'rs. to go out of office Jan. 1842. Election of the comm'rs, and term of service

Sec. 5. The term of office of the register of deeds, county treasurer, county surveyors, and coroners of the several counties of this territory, shall expire on the first Monday of January next. The register of deeds, county treasurer, county surveyor, and coroner of the several counties, shall be elected annually at the general election, by the qualified electors in each county: they shall hold their office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and the term of service of each of said officers shall commence on the first Monday of January in each year; and said officers shall perform the same duties, be subject to the same liabilities, and receive the same fees, in all respects, as are now prescribed by law.

Term of office of certain officers to expire Jan. 1842.

Election of the same at general election.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the clerks of the board of county commissioners of the several counties, within thirty days after the return and perfection of the assessment rolls of the county, to forward an abstract of the aggregate amount of the valuation thereof, to the treasurer of the territory; and it is hereby made the duty of the treasurer of the territory to furnish the Legislative Assembly with such abstracts in a condensed form, within the first week of each annual session of the Assembly.

Duty of clerks of the county comm'rs. and of treasurer of territory.

Sec. 7. The per diem allowance of the county commissioners, and the clerk of the board of county commissioners, shall

Compensation of clerks and comm'rs.

not hereafter exceed two dollars. Nor shall said commissioners charge, or be allowed more than twenty days service each, in any one year.

**SEC. 8.** That hereafter the clerk of the board of county commissioners, shall include so many lots, or tracts of land in any deed, given at the expiration of the redemption of lands sold for taxes, as the purchaser shall require; and shall receive therefor, five cents for each lot or tract, after the first.

Clerk's duty as to the making deeds of lands sold for taxes.

**SEC. 9.** This act shall take effect on the fourth Monday of September next; and all laws contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 19th, 1841.

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## No. 9.

AN ACT declaring Rivers navigable for certain purposes.

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

**SEC. 1.** That all rivers and streams of water in this territory, in all places where the same have been meandered and returned as navigable, by the surveyors employed by the United States Government, are hereby declared navigable to such an extent, that no dam, bridge, or other obstruction may be made in, or over the same, without the permission of the Legislature.

Meandered streams not to be obstructed by dams, &c.

Approved, February 9th, 1841.