

empannelled in such cause, to writing before giving the same to such jury; and if any such Judge shall give any charge to a jury on the trial of any cause when so requested without the same be in writing, it shall be sufficient cause for reversing an appeal or error to the Supreme Court, the judgments which may be rendered therein.

shall be placed
on file.

§ 2. As soon as any such charge shall have been given, the same shall be placed and remain on file among the records and papers of the case in which it was given.

§ 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, March 6, 1857.

Chap. 70.

Published May 2, 1857.

AN ACT to punish the fraudulent issue and transfer of certificates of stock incorporations.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Punishment for
fraudulent issue
of certificates of
stock.

§ 1. Every President, Cashier, Treasurer, Secretary, or other officer, and every agent of any bank, railroad, manufacturing or other corporation, who shall wilfully and designedly sign, with intent to issue, sell or pledge, or cause to be issued, sold or pledged, any false, fraudulent, or simulated certificate, or other evidence of the ownership or transfer of any share or shares of the capital stock of such corporation, [or any certificate or other evidence of the ownership or transfer of any share or shares in stock in such corporation,] or any instrument purporting to be a certificate or other evidence of such ownership or transfer, the signing, issuing, selling or pledging of which by such President, Cashier, Treasurer or other officer or agent, shall not be authorized by the charter and by-laws of such corporation, or by a resolution of the Board of Directors or Trustees, or by some amendment thereof, shall be adjudged guilty

of felony, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand dollars, and imprisonment in the State Prison not less than one year nor more than ten years, in the discretion of the court.

§ 2. This act shall be considered a public act, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 6, 1857.

Chap. 71.

Published, May 4, 1857.

AN ACT allowing damages in case of death caused by wilfulness or negligence.

The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. That whenever the death of a person shall be caused by a wrongful act, neglect or default, and the act, neglect or default is such as would (if death had not ensued) have entitled the party injured to maintain an action and recover damage in respect thereof; then and in every such case, the person who, or the corporation which would have been liable, if death had not ensued, shall be liable to an action for damages, notwithstanding the death of the person injured, and although the death may have been occasioned under such circumstances as constitute an indictable offence; *Provided*, That such action shall be brought for a death caused in this State, and in some court established by the constitution and laws of the same.

Damages in case of death caused by negligence.

§ 2. Every such action shall be brought by and in the name of the personal representative of such deceased person; and the amount recovered shall belong and be paid over to the husband or widow of such deceased person, if such relative survive him or her; but if no husband or widow survive the deceased, the amount recovered shall be paid over to his or her lineal descendants, and to his or her lineal ancestors in default of such descendants; and in every such action the jury

Who may.