

eral fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred dollars, to be expended by him under the direction of the chief justice of the supreme court, in completing as near as may be, the English reports in said library, and in purchasing such other English law books as such chief justice shall deem necessary.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 10, 1874.

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## CHAPTER 194.

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AN ACT to amend section ten of chapter one hundred and thirty two of the revised statutes of 1858, relating to verdicts and exceptions.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section ten (10) of chapter one hundred and thirty-two (132) of the revised statutes of 1858 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: A general verdict is that by which the jury pronounce generally upon all or any of the issues either in favor of the plaintiff or defendant. A special verdict is that by which the jury find the facts only, leaving the judgment to the court. In all civil cases the court shall, at the request of any party, direct the jury to find a special verdict: *provided*, that such request be made before the court commences to charge the jury. Such special verdict shall be in writing and shall be filed with the clerk and entered upon the minutes. Defining general and special verdicts.

SECTION 2. In actions hereafter tried, either party may, at any time before the close of the term of court at which the action is tried, except to any part of the judge's charge to the jury, and such exceptions may be incorporated into the bill of exceptions and reviewed the same as if made before the jury retires. Exceptions.

SECTION 3. All laws contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1874.