

SEC. 2. Seals. That the seals heretofore used by the district courts of the territory of Iowa shall, in the absence of any other seal provided by law, be used as the seal of the several district and supreme courts of this state.

SEC. 3. To take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers printed in Iowa City.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

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[120] CHAPTER 88.

ENOCH FRAZEE.

AN ACT to make good in law the acts of Enoch Frazee, done and performed by him as a justice of the peace in and for the township of Dockridge, county of Jefferson, and territory of Iowa.

Preamble. Whereas, Enoch Frazee, a citizen of Lockridge township, in the county of Jefferson, and territory of Iowa, was some time in the year 1844, elected, sworn and qualified to act as a justice of the peace, according to the requirements of the law in such case made and provided, except that the bond and oath of office of the said Enoch Frazee were not, agreeably to law, filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of said county, but were filed in the office of township clerk of said Lockridge township: and whereas, the said Enoch Frazee did, as justice of the peace of the county aforesaid, solemnize and certify several marriages, and also take and certify the acknowledgment of several deeds: And whereas, certain doubts are entertained of the legal validity of such marriages and acknowledgments of such deeds; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Marriages and deeds made valid. That each and every marriage solemnized by, and each and every deed acknowledged before him, and certified by him as a justice of the peace, during the time he held such office, and performed the duties thereof, be, and the same are hereby declared to be as legal and valid in law as if the said bond and oath of office had been properly filed in the office of the clerk of the district court, according to the requirements of the law in such cases made and provided.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 89.

JACKSON COUNTY TAXES.

AN ACT authorising Robert Reed or his successors in office to collect the delinquent tax of T. J. Pearce, late collector of taxes, and John Corbin, deceased, treasurer and collector of Jackson county, A. D., 1846.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Reed to collect back taxes—manner. That Robert Reed, collector of taxes in and for the county of Jackson, and his successors in office, be, and they are hereby authorized to collect and receive all such taxes as remain due and unpaid on the delin-[121]-quent list of Thomas J. Pearce, and also all taxes which remain unpaid on the list of John Corbin, deceased, late col-

lector and treasurer in Jackson county, in the same manner as is provided in the laws of Iowa for the collection of the public revenue.

SEC. 2. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 90.

BUCHANAN COUNTY.

AN ACT to locate the seat of justice of Buchanan county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Commissioners—when to meet—duties—clerk's duty—seat of justice. That Lyman Dillon, of Dubuque county, Thomas S. Denson, of Jones county, and Sylvester Stephens, of Jackson county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish the seat of justice of Buchanan county. Said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at the house of Joseph H. Reynolds, in said county of Buchanan, on or before the first Monday in July, A. D. 1847, and proceed to locate and establish the seat of justice of said county, as near the geographical centre of said county as said commissioners may deem proper, paying due regard to the present as well as future population of said county; and as soon as they have come to a determination, they shall give said point a name. Their proceedings shall be committed to writing, signed by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and filed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners of Delaware county, until the said county of Buchanan is fully organized, and when so organized the clerk of the board of commissioners of said Buchanan county shall record and keep the same on file in his office; and the place so selected as aforesaid shall be the seat of justice of Buchanan county.

SEC. 2. Oath. Said commissioners shall, previous to entering upon their duties as aforesaid, take and subscribe, before some magistrate or other person authorized to administer oaths, the following oath or affirmation, to wit: "We do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the location of the seat of justice of Buchanan county, and that we will faithfully and impartially locate the same, according to the best interest of said county, taking into consideration the future as well as the present population of said county." And the person so administering such oath shall certify and file the same as provided in the first section of this act.

[122] **SEC. 3. Compensation.** The commissioners aforesaid, shall receive two dollars per day, and two dollars for every twenty miles travel while necessarily engaged in the discharge of their duty.

SEC. 4. How paid. Said commissioners shall be paid for their services required by this act, out of the county treasury of said county of Buchanan, so soon as the same shall become organized for county purposes.

SEC. 5. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the weekly newspapers published in the city of Dubuque.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 91.

CRIMINAL RETURNS.

AN ACT to provide for criminal returns.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Duty of clerk district court. That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the district court of every county, on or before the first day of Novem-