

the manner in which the prisoners shall be employed, to see that they are furnished with necessaries, and to make such rules as he may deem expedient for their regulation and government.

SEC. 9. Compensation of agent. The agent shall receive for his services the sum of four hundred dollars, to be paid out of any funds in the treasury, at the time of the termination of the work for which he was appointed.

SEC. 10. Payment of keepers, etc. The funds necessary for paying a keeper and furnishing necessaries, may be taken from the amount appropriated for the work herein authorized.

SEC. 11. Agent's report. The agent shall report his actings and doings in the premises, in full, to the governor, to be laid before the general assembly at the commencement of the next and any subsequent session while he may remain in office.

Approved, February 25th, 1847.

[149] CHAPTER 102.

PENITENTIARY.

AN ACT to authorise the auditor to audit certain certificates of indebtedness, on account of expenses connected with the penitentiary.

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

SECTION 1. Certificates be audited. That the auditor of state is hereby authorized and required to audit certain certificates of indebtedness for necessary expenses of the penitentiary, issued by John W. Cohick, in the early part of the year 1846, while said Cohick was warden of said penitentiary, and before he became the lessee thereof.

Approved, February 25th, 1847.

CHAPTER 103.

FORT MADISON.

AN ACT to provide for the repeal of the charter of Fort Madison, in Lee county.

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

SECTION 1. Mayor and aldermen, duty as to funds. That the mayor and board of aldermen of the town of Fort Madison shall have no power to appropriate any of the funds collected or to be collected by them, other than for the payment of the officers of said town, and the debts of the corporation now existing and unpaid—that it shall be their duty to pay said debt or debts as soon as they shall be enabled to do so, by levy and assessment of taxes upon property in said corporation, not exceeding the rate per cent. levied the past year.

SEC. 2. Grocery and tavern licenses. All sums of money arising from grocery and tavern licenses, and other sources of revenue in said town, shall be applied to the payment of said debts.

SEC. 3. Election—notice—repeal. It shall be the duty of the said mayor and board of aldermen, as soon as the debts of said town are paid, to give notice thereof to the inhabitants of said town by a written notice put up in four public places, notifying the inhabitants of said corporation that an election will

be held in the several and respective wards, wherein the inhabitants would be called upon to vote whether said incorporation be repealed or not. If a majority of the legal voters vote for repeal, the same is hereby repealed; if such majority should be against repeal, the charter of said corporation shall continue and be in full force. Said election [150] to be conducted in the same manner as other elections of said corporation.

SEC. 4. In case of repeal. In case a majority of the said inhabitants shall vote for a repeal of said corporation, then and in such case the said town shall become part and parcel of the township of Madison, to be governed by the same laws as other townships are governed.

SEC. 5. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 104.

JONES COUNTY.

AN ACT to provide for the place of holding district courts in Jones county.

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

SECTION 1. Where court to be held. That the place of holding courts in Jones county shall be at the old court house in Edinburgh, in said county, until another place is provided by the county commissioners.

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

Approved, February 24th, 1847.

CHAPTER 105.

POOR OF LEE COUNTY.

AN ACT for the relief of the poor.

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

SECTION 1. Act repealed as to Lee county. That the act of the territorial legislature entitled "An act amendatory of an act for the relief of the poor," approved February the 12th, 1844, be, and the same is, hereby suspended, repealed and declared to be of none effect in the county of Lee, anything in said act of a general nature to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. Duty of commissioners—vote to be taken. That the board of commissioners of said county may, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, at their discretion to order, time after time, at any general election hereafter to be held, that the legal voters in said county shall vote for or against the erection of a poor house in said county; and if a majority of votes at any election as aforesaid, be for a poor house, then all elections for or against a poor [151] house under this act in said county shall cease; and the board of commissioners shall proceed according to the provisions of an act of the territorial legislature, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of poor houses," approved February 17th, 1842.