

## [Chap. 39.]

AN ACT to organize the county of Clinton and establish the seat of justice thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House* <sup>District courts.</sup> *of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That the county of Clinton be and the same is hereby organized from and after the first day of March next, and the inhabitants of said county be entitled to all the rights and privileges to which by law the inhabitants of other organized counties of this territory are entitled, and the said county shall be a part of the third judicial district, and the district courts shall be held at the seat of justice of said county, on the first Mondays of May and October in each year.

SEC. 2. That there shall be an election held on <sup>Election.</sup> the first Monday in April next, for the purpose of electing three county commissioners and all other county officers that are elective in other organized counties of this territory.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the sheriff of <sup>How notified.</sup> said county to cause written notices to be put up at three of the most public places in each of the precincts in said county of Clinton, at least ten days previous to said election, stating the time, place and officers to be elected. The house of Lyman Evans shall be the place of voting for a new election precinct in said county.

SEC. 4. That the officers elected as aforesaid, <sup>Tenure.</sup> shall hold their offices until the next general election in this territory, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. That the county seat of said county is <sup>County seat</sup> hereby established at the town of Camanche.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the county <sup>Jurors how selected.</sup> commissioners of Scott county, at the next April term, to select twenty-three persons in said Clinton county for grand jurors, and twenty-four persons in said county as petit jurors. An attested copy of the names so selected shall be delivered by the clerk of said commissioners within three days after the selection, to the clerk of the district court of Scott county, who shall thereupon issue and deliver to the sheriff of Clinton county proper venires, commanding him to summon the persons so selected to appear before the district court of Clinton county,

at or before the hour of eleven A. M. of the first day of the term thereof, to serve as grand jurors or petit jurors, (as the case may be.) Said venirees shall be served as in other cases.

Election how conducted.

SEC. 7. That the election authorized by this act, shall be conducted as provided by law in other cases of county elections; and the returns of said election shall be made within six days after the election, to the sheriff of said county. And said sheriff, after receiving the returns, shall, in presence of two justices of the peace, canvass the returns, and issue certificates to the persons elected.

Approved January 11, 1840.

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[Chap. 40.]

AN ACT to make valid in law the deed of Si-si-sa-man, a minor to John H. Knapp, deceased.

Whereas, Si-si-sa-man, a half breed of the Sac and Fox tribe or nation of Indians, being a minor, has, with permission of his natural guardian, by a deed of conveyance bearing date the sixth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, and recorded in the register of deeds office, at Burlington, conveyed to John H. Knapp, since deceased, all his right, title and interest in the half breed reservation lying, being between the Rivers Mississippi and Des Moines, and a line running due east from the northwest corner of the state of Missouri, and the said deed, on account of the minority of said Si-si-saman, not being valid, now, therefore,

Deed valid.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That the said deed be and the same is hereby made and declared to be, to all intents and purposes, as valid and binding in law and equity, as if the said minor Si-si-sa-man, was of full age at the time of sealing and delivery thereof, and that hereafter no plea shall be set up in any court of this territory, that the said deed is not legal because the said Si-si-saman was not of full age at the time of making the same.

[Presented to the governor on the 9th January, 1840, and having remained with the governor three days (Sundays excepted,) the legislative assembly being in session, this bill became a law January 13, 1840.]