

## CHAPTER 4.

## FIRING PRAIRIES.

AN ACT to prevent the firing of prairies.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.*

SECTION 1. If any person sets fire to woods and prairies to the injury of others, shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars, and liable for injury sustained. That if any person or persons shall set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any woods, prairies, or other grounds whatever, in this territory, other than his own, or shall permit the fire set out by him, to pass from his own prairie or woods, to the injury of any person or persons, every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof, for every such offense be fined in any sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and shall be liable to an action, to the party injured for all damages, which he, she, or they, may have sustained in consequence of such fire.

SEC. 2. Duty of judges to give this act in charge to grand jury. It shall be the duty of the judge to give this act in charge to the grand jury.

SEC. 3. Act to take effect from its passage. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 2d, 1846.

## CHAPTER 5.

## MARRIED WOMEN.

AN ACT concerning the rights of married women.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.*

SECTION 1. Married women may be seized of real estate That any married woman may become seized or possessed of any real estate by descent, bequest, demise, gift, purchase or distribution, in her own name and as of her own property: provided, the same does not come from her husband, nor is, nor has been purchased with the funds or property of the husband during coverture.

SEC. 2. Not liable for husband's debts. That hereafter when any married woman shall become possessed of any real estate as aforesaid, or shall have possessed any real estate before coverture, she shall possess the same in her own right, and the same shall in no case be liable to the debts of her husband.

SEC. 3. Rents and profits belong to husband. The control and management of such real estate, and the annual productions and rents and profits of the same, shall remain to the husband agreeably to the laws heretofore in force. All suits to recover the property or possession of such real estate, shall be prosecuted or defended, as the case may be, in the joint names of the husband and wife.