

SEC. 3. Assessor may swear owner of property. The assessor may require each owner or occupant of property in his county, to render under oath, a true and just account of all the taxable property of which he may be owner or holder on the said first day of March.

SEC. 4. Repealing clause. That the 6th section of the "act" to which this is amendatory, and all other "acts" and parts of "acts" which conflict with the provisions of this "act," be and hereby are repealed.

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

Approved, January 2d, 1846.

CHAPTER 8.

MILITIA.

AN ACT to repeal all laws in force allowing compensation to military officers in this territory.

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

SECTION 1. Pay of military officers abolished. That all laws now in force in this territory allowing compensation to any military officer, for any military services whatever, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. Act in force from passage. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, January 3d, 1846.

[7] CHAPTER 9.

COMMISSIONERS IN STATES AND TERRITORIES.

AN ACT to authorize the governor to appoint commissioners to take acknowledgments of deeds, or other contracts and depositions, in other territories or states.

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

SECTION 1. Governor to appoint commissioners. That the governor shall have power to appoint one or more commissioners in any of the United States or territories who shall continue in office during the pleasure of the governor, and shall have authority to take the acknowledgement and proof of the execution of any deed or other conveyance, or lease of any lands lying in this territory, or of any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing under seal, or not, to be used or recorded in this territory.

SEC. 2. Force and effect of commissioner's acts. Such acknowledgement, or proof, so taken, according to the laws of this territory, and certified to by any such commissioner, under his seal of office annexed to, or endorsed on such instrument, shall have the same force and effect as if the same had been made before a judge or justice of the peace, or any other officer authorized to perform such acts in this territory.

SEC. 3. May administer oaths and take depositions. Every commissioner, appointed as before mentioned, shall have power to administer an oath,