

CHAPTER 22.

MAJORS MAY SWEAR.

AN ACT to provide for the acknowledgment of instruments by the soldiers in the military service and for the administration of oaths.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Major in each Regiment of Infantry and any Major in each Regiment of Cavalry of the Iowa forces in the military service of the United States shall be authorized to take the acknowledgment of instruments in writing required to be acknowledged by the laws of this State, and to administer oaths or affirmations in cases where an oath (or affirmation) is required or permitted by the laws of this State. Majors of regiments authorized to administer oath and acknowledge instruments in writing.

SEC. 2. Such Major is authorized to take such acknowledgment and to administer such oath (or affirmation) only in cases when the same is done out of the limits of this State and only in transactions and business in which an Iowa soldier is a party or is concerned. Limit to exercise of Major's functions

SEC. 3. Such officer, in the exercise of his duty under this Act, is authorized to use a scroll instead of a Seal, writing his surname and the initial letters at least, of his Christian name within the scroll and distinctly referring to the Seal in the certificate. Make seal to suit necessity of case.

SEC. 4. Such officers are also authorized to take depositions, and depositions taken by them shall be receivable in evidence in causes in law and equity the same as if taken by any other officer authorized thereto. Majors may take depositions.

SEC. 5. Such Major shall sign his certificate, officially stating his rank and the Regiment to which he belongs in substantially the following form: A. B. Major of — Regiment of Iowa Infantry, (or Cavalry) as the case may be. Maj's certificate—how signed—form.

SEC. 6. Each Major herein authorized to act shall take an oath to discharge his duty under this Act, truly, faithfully and impartially to the best of his knowledge and ability, which oath in writing may be taken before and certified by the acting Adjutant of any Iowa Regiment and the same with the signature of such Major shall be transmitted by mail or otherwise to the Secretary of State who shall file and keep the same in his office. Majors shall take oath, to be filed with Sec. of State.

SEC. 7. Such officer shall be authorized to demand and receive fifty cents for each acknowledgment taken Majors' fees.

and certified and twenty-five cents for each oath (or affirmation) administered and certified.

Take effect. SEC. 8. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect from its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Times, papers published at Des Moines.

Approved September 11th, 1862.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register September 17th, 1862, and in the Des Moines Times September 17th, 1862.

ELIJAH SELLS, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 23.

CHANGING A NAME.

AN ACT to change the name of Buncombe County to Lyon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the name of Buncombe county be changed to that of Lyon.

Approved September 11th, 1862.

CHAPTER 25.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 114 of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly entitled, "An Act fixing the times of holding Courts in the Third Judicial District.

Changing time of holding Court in Adams Co. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That Section one of Chapter 114 of the Acts of the Ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit: At Quincy in the County of Adams on the fifth Thursday after the fourth Monday in March and September.

SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance by the General Assembly, shall take effect and