

- By, when, and to whom costs and charges shall be reimbursed. same, previous to the publication thereof; all which costs and charges shall be reimbursed to the taker up, or finder, in all cases where restitution of the property shall be made to the owner, or the same shall be delivered to the sheriff, to be sold, or where money, or bank notes, shall be paid into the county treasury, in addition to the reward to which such person may be entitled, for such taking up or finding as aforesaid.
- Reward. same, previous to the publication thereof; all which costs and charges shall be reimbursed to the taker up, or finder, in all cases where restitution of the property shall be made to the owner, or the same shall be delivered to the sheriff, to be sold, or where money, or bank notes, shall be paid into the county treasury, in addition to the reward to which such person may be entitled, for such taking up or finding as aforesaid.
- Examination. of estray book without fee or charge. SEC. 16. For the more speedy recovery of estrays, and other lost property, it shall and may be lawful, at all times for any person interested, to search and examine the estray book of the clerk for any information he or she may want, in relation to any property which may at any time have strayed away, or been lost, by any such person as aforesaid, for which said clerk shall be entitled to no compensation.
- When this act shall be in force. SEC. 17. This act to take effect, from and after the first day of May next.

APPROVED, January 22, 1839.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

AN ACT regulating weights and measures.

- Commissioners required to procure weights and measures, at the expense, and for the use of their respective counties. Description of measures. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.* That the several boards of county commissioners, within this Territory, be, and they are hereby authorized, and required, to procure, for their respective counties, and at the expense of the same, a set of the following weights and measures, for the use of their county, that is: one measure of one foot, or twelve inches, English measure, so called; also, one measure of three feet, or thirty-six inches, as aforesaid; also, one half bushel measure, for dry measure, which shall contain one thousand seventy-five and one-fifth solid inches; also, one gallon measure, which shall contain two hundred and thirty-one solid inches, which measures are to be of wood, or any metal the court may think proper; also, one set of weights, commonly called avoirdupois weight, and sealed with the name, or initial letters of the county inscribed thereon; which weights and measures shall be kept by the clerk of the said court, of each and
- Of weights.
- By whom kept, and for what purpose.

every county in this Territory, for the purpose of trying and sealing the weights and measures, used in their counties.

SEC. 2. As soon as the several courts of county commissioners shall have finished the weights and measures as aforesaid, they shall cause notice thereof to be given at the court house door, for one month, and any person who shall thereafter buy, or sell, any commodity whatsoever, by measure, or weights, that shall not correspond with county weights, and measures, shall, for every such offence, being legally convicted thereof, forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, for the use of the county where such offence shall have been committed, and also the costs, to be recovered before any justice of the peace for said county.

Notice, when, where, and by whom given, and for what length of time.

Penalty, how, and by whom incurred. Jurisdiction and costs.

SEC. 3. Every person desirous of having their weights and measures tried, by the county standard, shall apply to the clerk of the county commissioners, and, if he find it corresponds with the county standard, shall seal the same, with the seal provided for that purpose, and said clerk shall be allowed to demand and receive such fees, as now, or hereafter may be, allowed by law.

Comparison of weights and measures, with the county standards. Seal, and fees.

SEC. 4. This act to take effect and be in force, from and after its passage.

When this act to take effect.

APPROVED, January 4, 1839.

· WILLS AND ADMINISTRATIONS.

AN ACT relative to Wills and Testaments, Executors and Administrators, and the settlement of estates. .

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.* That any person having an estate in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, or any annuity or rent charged upon or issuing out of the same, or any goods, or chattels, rights, credits, and choses in action, or in possession, and property of every description, whatever, may give or devise the same to any person by last will and testament by him or her lawfully executed.

Property may be devised by will legally executed.

SEC. 2. That every such last will and testament shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the testator or testatrix, or by some person in his or her presence, and by his or her direction, and attested

In what manner will to be attested.