

missioners to locate and mark out a territorial road, commencing at West Point, thence on the nearest and best route to Franklin, thence to the landing on the Des Moines river, opposite Saint Francisville, Missouri.

**SEC. 2. When and where commissioners to meet—may agree upon a time and place for meeting.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at West Point, on the first Monday of April next, and shall proceed to locate said road, according to the provisions of an act to establish territorial roads; and if said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall fail to meet, as herein specified, it shall be legal for said commissioners to meet at such time thereafter, during the present year, as they may agree upon, who shall then proceed to locate said road as above directed.

**SEC. 3. Compensation of commissioners, surveyor, etc., to be allowed by county commissioners.** That the commissioners, surveyor, and chain-carrier, employed to locate the road herein specified, shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of commissioners of Lee county may think proper to allow them, and no more.

Approved January 3, 1842.

#### CHAPTER 4.

AN ACT to incorporate the Iowa City Mechanic's Mutual Aid Association.

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

**SECTION 1. James N. Ball and others constitute a body corporate by the name of "The Mechanic's Mutual Aid Association of Iowa City"—their powers.** That James N. Ball, A. H. Haskill, A. G. Adams, Edward Lanning, L. W. Swafford, Thomas Comb, Francis Thompson, Thomas Richard, Abraham Burkholder, and such other persons as from time to time shall become members of said corporation, shall be and are hereby ordained, constituted and declared to be one body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Mechanic's Mutual Aid Association of Iowa City;" and by that name they and their successors shall have succession, and shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered, defending and being defended, in all courts and places whatsoever, in all manner of actions, suits and complaints, matters and cases, whatsoever; and that they and their successors shall have a common seal, and change and alter the same at their pleasure; and that they and their successors, by the same name, shall be in law capable to purchase, take, receive, hold and enjoy, to them and their successors, any real estate, in fee simple or for term of years, or otherwise, and any goods and chattels, or any personal estate, to the [5] amount of twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of enabling them the better to carry into execution, encourage and promote such measures as may tend to the advancement of the mechanical arts; and also whatever may tend to the promotion of education, and the advancement of the arts and the sciences. And that they and their successors shall have full power to give, grant, sell, lease, demise, and dispose of the said real and personal estate, or any part thereof, at their will and pleasure; and that they and their successors shall have power, from time to time, to make, constitute, and establish such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as they shall judge proper, for the election of their officers, for the admission of members, and for regulating all the affairs of the said corporation, as they may deem proper, for the advancement of the object of said corporation: provided, such by-laws

and regulations shall not be repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States, or of this territory.

**SEC. 2. Officers of the association—James N. Ball and others appointed officers until the first Tuesday in January next—officers to be chosen by members of corporation.** And for the better carrying on the affairs of said corporation, there shall be a president, two vice presidents, one secretary, and one treasurer, of the corporation, who shall hold their offices from the time of their appointment, or election, until the first Tuesday of January then next, and until others shall be chosen in their places; and that the said James N. Ball is hereby appointed president, and the said Thomas Comb and Lewis Swafford, vice presidents, and the said Edward Lanning, secretary, and the said A. G. Adams, treasurer, until the first Tuesday of January next; and that said officers shall, on the first Tuesday of January next, and always thereafter, be chosen by the members of the said corporation in such manner; and afterwards at such time and places as shall be directed by the by-laws of said corporation, to be made for that purpose.

**SEC. 3. Bond for the erection of seminary of learning—time—where to be erected—cost of seminary—certificate of claim to be given by territorial agent of lot on which seminary is built—deed of conveyance given—premises to be used for literary purposes alone.** That in case the said corporation shall enter into good and sufficient bonds, to be approved by the territorial agent, and filed in the office of the secretary of the territory, conditioned that they will erect and finish a seminary of learning within two years from the passage of this act, on the south half of the reservation for school purposes, adjoining the park, in Iowa City, and known as the south half of the west half of block sixty, the aggregate cost of which seminary of learning shall not be less than one thousand dollars when finished, and shall fulfill the condition of said bond, then the territorial agent shall give to the corporation an official certificate of their claim to said lot of ground, and on the presentation to the secretary of the territory, it shall be the duty of said secretary to file the same in his office, and make out and deliver to said corporation a deed of conveyance of the premises described in said certificate; which deed shall be executed as other deeds for lots sold in said city, and be of equal force and validity: provided, that said deed of conveyance shall contain a clause that the premises so donated shall be occupied and used for literary purposes alone; and that the said deed shall be void, and the said premises revert to the territory, when the said premises shall be occupied or used by said corporation, or their successors or assigns, in any other way or manner, or for any other than literary purposes.

**SEC. 4. President, vice presidents, etc., to receive donations.** The president, vice presidents, secretary and treasurer of said corporation, shall be commissioners to receive subscriptions or donations for said institution, under such regulations and conditions as they may deem expedient.

[6] **SEC. 5. Members of corporation liable for performance of all contracts.** The members of said corporation shall be jointly and severally liable for the performance of all contracts and obligations entered into by said institution.

**SEC. 6.** This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved January 4, 1842.

## CHAPTER 5.

**AN ACT** to legalize the election of George L. Coe, as judge of probate in the county of Louisa.

**Elected to fill a vacancy—required notice of a special election not given.** Whereas, on the first Monday of August in the year eighteen hundred and