

## [86] CHAPTER. 79.

## JAMES M. DENISON.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of James M. Denison, an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Linn.

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

**SECTION 1. Official acts as justice of the peace of Linn county made valid.** That all and every official acts of James M. Denison, an acting justice of the peace, in Washington township, Linn county, done and performed by virtue of his election to said office, in April, A. D. 1842, be and the same are hereby declared to be as legal and valid, to all intents and purposes, as though the said James M. Denison had filed his official bond with the clerk of the district court of said county, as prescribed by statute.

**SEC. 2. Proviso.** That the acts of the said James M. Denison, hereafter done and performed as justice of the peace, by virtue of his said election, within the time for which he was elected, shall be legal and binding to all intents and purposes: Provided, always, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to legalize any act or acts of the said James M. Denison, which would have been illegal, had he been a legal justice of the peace.

**SEC. 3.** This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, 16th February, 1843.

## [87] CHAPTER 80.

## ROAD.

AN ACT to locate a territorial road, from a certain point on the territorial road leading from Bloomington to Iowa City, to the rapids on Cedar river.

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

**SECTION 1. Names of commissioners and route of road.** That Thomas Odell, of Muscatine county, Ebenezer A. Gray, of Cedar county, and Joshua King, of Johnson county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a territorial road, from a point on the territorial road leading from Bloomington to Iowa City, west of the Cedar river, and at or near where the old Indian trail, leading from Cedarville in Muscatine county, to Washington ferry in Cedar county, crosses said road; thence running with said trail, as near as the ground will admit, to Jonathan Kingsberry's mill in Cedar county; thence on the nearest and best ground, for the public convenience, to the rapids on Cedar river, in Linn county.

**SEC. 2. Where and when to meet—surveyors and assistants, oath of—acts for government of commissioners.** That the commissioners, appointed as aforesaid, shall meet at Elias Overman's in Muscatine county, on the first Monday in May next, and proceed to locate said road by taking to their assistance a competent surveyor, two chainmen, and one marker, who, together with the commissioners, shall take an oath for the faithful performance of their respective duties. The commissioners shall in all other respects be governed by an "act to provide for laying out and opening territorial roads," approved, December 29, 1838.

**SEC. 3. Compensation of surveyors and commissioners—certain counties not to incur any expenses thereby.** That the commissioners, surveyor, and other hands aforesaid, shall receive for their services the following compensation: the commissioners and surveyor, one dollar and fifty cents each, per day; the chainmen and marker one dollar per day, for every day that they may be necessarily employed in locating said road; provided, that [88] no part of the expense of locating said road shall be paid from the treasury of either of the counties through which it passes.

**SEC. 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.  
Approved, 16th February, 1843.

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CHAPTER 81.

WILSON STANLY.

**AN ACT** to legalize the acts of Wilson Stanly, administrator, and Mary Duval, administratrix, of the estate of Samuel G. Jackson, deceased.

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

**SECTION 1. Acts as administrator of the estate of Samuel G. Jackson made good and valid.** That the acts of Wilson Stanly, as administrator, and Mary Duval, late Mary Jackson, administratrix, of the estate of Samuel G. Jackson, deceased, be and the same are here made good and valid.

**SEC. 2. Manner of collecting notes.** That all notes or bonds given in the name of the said Wilson Stanly and Mary Jackson, now Mary Duval, as aforesaid, shall be collectable in the names of the administrators and administratrix of said Jackson's estate, and all suits commenced in their names shall not be abated, or in any otherwise affected, by anything informal or incorrect in the granting of letters of administration.

**SEC. 3. Authority to sell certain real estate—notice of sale.** That George G. Wright, now administrator, and Mary Duval, administratrix, of said Jackson's estate, are hereby authorized to sell all or such portion of the real estate of said Jackson, on the second Monday in April next, as shall be necessary to pay the debts against said Jackson's estate, by giving notice of the sale four weeks, in four of the most public places in Van Buren county, previous to said day of sale.

**SEC. 4.** This act to take effect from and after its passage.  
Approved, 16th February, 1843.

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[89] CHAPTER 82.

DAM.

**AN ACT** allowing the holders of a charter to erect a dam across the Des Moines at Bentonsport, further time, and vacate a portion of the town plat of Bentonsport.

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

**SECTION 1. Holders of a certain charter to erect a dam across the Des Moines river at Bentonsport—further time to vacate a part of town Bentonsport—**