

**SEC. 2. Certificate.** The certificate of the register or receiver of any land office of the United States, as to the entry of land within his district, shall be prima facie evidence of the title of the person entering, to the real estate therein named.

**SEC. 3. Grace.** Grace shall be allowed upon bills and notes executed or payable within this state, according to the principles of the law merchant; and notice of non-acceptance or non-payment, or both, of said instruments, shall be required according to the rules and principles of the commercial law.

*And be it further enacted,*

**SEC. 4. Competent witness.** That no member of any firm, or stockholder, or owner or any stock in any incorporated company, shall be competent to testify in any cause now or hereafter pending before any tribunal in this state, wherein such firm or corporation is a party; unless called on for that purpose by the opposite party.

**SEC. 5. Books.** Nothing in this act contained shall alter or change the law now in force in relation to the introduction of books of accounts as evidence, but the same shall remain as heretofore in force.

**SEC. 6. Repeal.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are repealed.

**SEC. 7. Take effect.** This act to be in force after its publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter and Iowa Republican.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

I certify, that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter Feb. 9, and in the Iowa Republican Feb. 2, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,  
Secretary of State.

[189] CHAPTER 109.

SUPREME COURT.

AN ACT supplemental to an act regulating the terms of the supreme court.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. 1st term—terms.** That the first term of the supreme court of the state shall be held on the first Monday in June next, at Iowa City, and a term shall be held on the first Monday in December next, and that thereafter a term shall be held on the first Monday in June and December, in each year.

**SEC. 2. Clerks to file.** That the clerks of the supreme court at Burlington, Ottumwa, Dubuque and Fort Desmoines, shall file all papers, books and files in their office with the clerk of the supreme court, at Iowa City, on or before the first Monday in June next, in place of the time stated in the act to which this is supplemental.

**SEC. 3. Cases pending—June term.** That all causes now pending in the said supreme court at Burlington, Ottumwa, Dubuque, and Fort Desmoines, be set for hearing and trial at the June term, 1853, of said court.

**SEC. 4. Take effect.** That the act regulating the terms of the supreme court, to which this is supplemental, together with this act, take effect and be in force from and after their publication in the Iowa Capital Reporter, and Iowa Republican, newspapers published at Iowa City.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter, Feb. 9, and in the Iowa Republican, Feb. 16, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,  
Sec'y of State.

[190] CHAPTER 110.

APPROPRIATIONS.

AN ACT making additional appropriations for the support of the state government, for the fiscal years 1853 and 1854.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Appropriation.** That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated.

**Stationery.** To J. L. Corse, the sum of \$1154.60, for stationery furnished the general assembly.

**Wood.** To secretary of state, the sum of \$200.00 for wood furnished.

**Sundries.** To Trowbridge & Sanders, the sum of \$29.45 for sundries per bill.

To C. A. Robbins, the sum of \$7.00 for sundries per bill.

To L. B. & O. A. Patterson, the sum of \$26.55 for sundries per bill.

**Labor.** To J. Startzer, the sum of \$50.00 for labor performed.

**Maps.** To William Lee, the sum of \$1.50 for mounting two maps.

**Rollers.** To P. Roberts, 50 cents per bill.

**Lettering.** To M. B. Root, the sum of \$35.00 for block for Washington monument.

**Labor.** To N. G. Benton for labor performed \$25.00.

**Postage.** To A. Hart, the sum of \$843.14 for postage for general assembly (to the 19th inst.)

**Penitentiary.** To the support of the Iowa penitentiary, as per recommendation of committee on public buildings, as follows:

For payment of existing debt, .....	\$1096 34
For building and plastering 10 cells, .....	2980 00
For general support two years, .....	2000 00
For fencing garden and yard, .....	330 00
For building two cisterns, .....	200 00

Total ..... \$6606 34

**Indexed journals.** To J. Smith Hooten, the sum of \$75.00 for indexing the journal of the house of representatives.

[191] **Clerk.** To John P. Davies, the sum of \$28.00 for 7 days services as assistant engrossing and enrolling clerk.

**Translating.** To William Vogt, the sum of \$50.00 for translating the governor's message into the German tongue, by order of the house.

**Newspapers.** To John Clark, the sum of \$747.00.