

and assistants must be sworn by some officer authorized to administer oaths, to the faithful and impartial discharge of their several duties, except that when the County Surveyor is employe he need not be sworn."

Approved March 2d, 1860.

[142] CHAPTER 106.

[Chap. 24.]

AN ACT to repeal part of the sixth section of chapter ninety-three of the acts of the Seventh General Assembly, entitled an act to authorize the construction of Bridges in the State of Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. **Not to apply to the Des river above Scott's bridge.** That so much of section 6, chapter 93, of the acts of the seventh general assembly as provides that the provisions of said section providing for a draw shall not be held to apply to the Des Moines river above a point immediately below the bridge known as Scott's bridge in Polk county, and so much of said section as declares said river not navigable above that point be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This act to be in force from and after its publication in the Weekly Iowa State Journal and the Iowa State Register.

Approved March 2d, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Journal March 10th, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 107.

[Chap. 29.]

ARMY OF PROTECTION.

AN ACT to authorize the Governor of the State of Iowa to provide for the protection of certain citizens thereof, to guard against Indian depredations, and making appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. **North west to be proted against Indians.** That for the purpose of protecting the citizens of the north-western portion of the state, and enabling them to defend themselves against the threatened depredations of marauding bands of hostile Indians, the governor be and he is hereby authorized to furnish to said settlers such arms and ammunition as he may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid.

[143] SEC. 2. **Minute men enrolled by order of the gov.** That the governor be, and hereby is authorized to cause to be enrolled a company of minute men, in number not exceeding twelve, at the governor's discretion, who shall at all times hold themselves in readiness to meet any threatened invasion of hostile Indians as aforesaid—the said minute men only to be paid for the time actually employed in the service herein contemplated.

SEC. 3. **Minute men act as police.** That of the said minute men under the orders of the governor, at his discretion, and under such regulations as he may prescribe, a number not exceeding four, may be employed as an active police for such time, and to perform such services as may be demanded of

them, who shall be paid only for the period during which they shall be actively employed as aforesaid.

SEC. 4. **\$500 appropriated.** There is hereby appropriated from the state treasury the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 5. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Daily Iowa State Register and the Daily Iowa State Journal.

Approved March 9, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Daily Iowa State Register March 13, 1860, and in the Daily Iowa State Journal March 13, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 108.

[Chap. 34.]

WEIGHT OF OATS.

AN ACT to amend section nine hundred and forty of the Code of Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. **33 lbs. per bush'l.** That section nine hundred and forty of the code of Iowa, is hereby amended by striking out after the words "of oats," the words "thirty-five pounds," and inserting instead, the words "thirty-three pounds."

[144] SEC. 2. This act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Iowa State Journal and the Iowa State Register.

Approved March 13, 1860.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa State Register March 21 1860, and in the Iowa State Journal April 21, 1860.

ELIJAH SELLS, Sec. of State.  
Secretary of State.

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CHAPTER 109.

[Chap. 36.]

OCCUPYING CLAIMANTS.

AN ACT entitled an act to amend section 1240 of the Code of Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. **Shall have color of title and lien for improvem't and for taxes paid—ten'nts except'd.** That section one thousand two hundred and forty of the code of Iowa, be amended so as to read as follows: Any person has also such color of title who has occupied a tract of land by himself, or by those under whom he claims for the term of five years; or who has thus occupied the land for a less term than five years, if he, or those under whom he claims, have at any time during such occupancy, with the knowledge and consent, express or implied, of the real owner, made any valuable improvement thereon, or where he or those under whom he claims, have at any time during such occupancy, paid the ordinary county taxes thereon for any one year, and if two years afterwards elapsed without a repayment or proffer of the repayment of the same by the real owner of the land. Provided such occupancy is