

## CHAPTER 166.

## CLERK TO OFFICIATE AS COUNTY JUDGE.

AN ACT making it the duty of the Clerk of the District Court to act in the place of the County Judge in certain cases.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That when the County Judge is disqualified by the provisions of section 2685, of the Revision of 1860, to act in any matter contemplated in chapter 22 of said Revision; and when for any other cause, he is unable to act in any such matter then pending, the Clerk of the District Court shall act therein in his place, the cause thereof being set forth in the record.

Approved April 8, 1862.

## CHAPTER 167.

## REMOVAL OF THE BLIND ASYLUM.

AN ACT to authorize the Principal of the Institution for the Education of the Blind, to remove said Institution to the building erected for that purpose at Vinton, in Benton County, Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Institution for the education of the Blind, shall be removed to Vinton in Benton county, so soon as the Commissioner of the Blind Asylum, at Vinton, shall notify the Principal of the Institution for the education of the Blind, that the Asylum building at Vinton is completed, or so much thereof as may be necessary to accommodate said Institution.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said Principal, by and with the approval of the Board of Trustees of said Institution, to contract for the removal, and cause to be removed, all the property belonging to said Institution, from Iowa City, in Johnson County, to Vinton, in Benton County, and to furnish said new building with such additional plain furniture as may be necessary for the comfort and necessities of the Institution.

SEC. 3. For the expenses incurred in the removal and furnishing said new building, the Principal shall submit to the Board of Trustees in writing, a detailed

statement, under oath, of the amount of such expenses, which statement, when approved by the Board of Trustees of said Institution and the State Census Board, the Auditor of State shall issue his warrant upon the State Treasurer for such sum as may be approved, to be paid out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, *Provided*, that not more than one thousand dollars, or so much of it as may be necessary, shall be expended for the purposes above named.

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## CHAPTER 168.

### COUNTY TREASURERS.

AN ACT further defining the duties of County Treasurers, and fixing their compensation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That it shall be the duty of each County Treasurer, if applied to by letter enclosing thirty cents' value in postage stamps, asking for information of the amount of taxes upon any specified parcel or parcels of land in his County, to answer the same correctly by mail, giving direct answers to all the inquiries in such letter respecting the amount and interest of the unpaid taxes as the same appears from the tax books in his office: *Provided*, that if the total of such land specified in any one letter exceeds three hundred and twenty acres, then such Treasurer is not bound to answer such letter, unless it contains besides the thirty cents above provided, ten cents' value of such stamps for every one hundred and sixty acres, when the total acres specified in such letter exceed the said three hundred and twenty acres; and *provided further*, that the aggregate fees thus charged shall, in no case, exceed the sum of fifty cents; and upon the return to such Treasurer of the letter or a copy thereof so sent by him, with the amount due as shown by such letter, such Treasurer shall pay such taxes, and return a receipt therefor by mail.

Treasurer to answer letters—fee for.

Fee not to exceed 50 cents.

Penalty for non-compliance.

SEC. 2. Any Treasurer who shall neglect for twenty days after the receipt of any such letter, with stamps or money inclosed as aforesaid, to answer the same fully,