

Adams, her husband, and the said contract, so far as the said Permelia Emeline Adams is concerned is hereby annulled and made void, and that all obligations on the part of the said Permelia Emeline Adams arising from the said marriage contract be and the same are hereby made of no more force than if the said contract had never existed.

Approved June 21, 1838.

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### No. 5.

AN ACT to enlarge the boundaries of Rock county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That townships one, two, three and four north, of range ten east of the fourth principal meridian, in said territory, are hereby attached to and made a part of the county of Rock.

Approved, June 21, 1838.

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### No. 6.

AN ACT to divorce James Gilbert from Letitia Gilbert, his wife.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That the marriage contract heretofore existing between James Gilbert and Letitia, his wife, be and the same is hereby annulled and made void, and that all obligations arising from the said marriage contract be and the same are hereby made of no more force than if the said contract had never existed.

Approved June 21, 1838.

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### No. 7.

AN ACT concerning the county of Van Buren.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That for the purpose of permanently establishing the seat of justice for the county of Van Buren, a poll shall be opened at <sup>County seat, how fixed.</sup>

the general election on the first Monday in August next, for the purpose of receiving ballots for such places as may be voted for as the seat of justice of said county, and said ballots shall be deposited in a separate box from the other ballots received at said election and separate poll books kept.

Qualification of voters.

SECTION 2. Any person shall be entitled to vote for the seat of justice of said county at said election, who is a free white male citizen above the age of twenty-one years, and who has resided in the county at least thirty days next preceding the election.

Returns, how made.

SECTION 3. Returns of said election, with the ballots and poll lists shall within twenty days after the election be made to the sheriff of the county of Van Buren, to be by him canvassed and examined; and if upon examination it should be found that any one of the places voted for has a majority of the whole number of votes polled for a county seat, that place shall from thenceforward be the seat of justice of Van Buren county; but if it shall be found that no one of

Second election.

the places voted for has such a majority, then a new election shall be held on the second Monday in September to be conducted in the same manner and by the same officers who conducted the election in August; at which said second election, the votes shall be confined to one or the other of the two points which may have received the highest number of votes at the first election. It shall be the duty of the sheriff to give at least ten days' notice of said second election, by written or printed hand bills put up at each election precinct, specifying the two points to be voted for and the day of holding the election. Returns of the second election shall be made as is provided for in regard to the returns of the first election and the place having the highest number of votes at said second election shall be the county seat of Van Buren county: *provided*, that the fall term of the district court of said county for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight shall be held at Farmington.

Proviso.

County commissioners.

SECTION 4. Joseph Robbs, Isham Keith and John Carnes, elected county commissioners of Van Buren county, at an election held on the fifth day of May, 1838, are hereby declared to be the commissioners of said county until the next August election, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and

their acts, so far as they are conformable to law, otherwise are hereby declared to be valid from the time of their election and qualification. But at the general election on the first Monday in August next, votes shall be received for three county commissioners, and the person having the highest number of votes shall serve three years, the next highest two years, and the third highest one year, from the day of said election.

SECTION 5. All the territory lying west of the county of Van Buren, east of the Missouri river, and not included within the limits of any other county, is hereby attached to the county of Van Buren for judicial purposes.

Country attached to Van Buren county.

Approved, June 22, 1838.

## NO. 8.

AN ACT to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river in the county of Muscatine, in this territory.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of Wisconsin territory,* That James Chambers, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to establish and keep, or cause to be established and kept, a ferry across the Mississippi river at his residence in Muscatine county, with the exclusive privilege to the same, commencing where the fifth principal meridian strikes the Mississippi river in township seventy-seven north, and thence down said river one half of a mile and up said river from the starting point one half of a mile, for the term of twelve years: *provided,* that the said James Chambers, his heirs or assigns, shall be subject to all the laws now in force or that shall be in force in said territory in relation to ferries.

James Chambers' ferry.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said James Chambers his heirs or assigns, keep or cause to be kept within one year, at the place aforesaid a good and sufficient boat or boats to be propelled by horse or steam power, for the safe conveyance of passengers across said river without delay.

To keep a steam or horse ferry boat.

Approved June 22, 1838.