

No. 45.

AN ACT to divorce Martha Newton from her husband, John C. Newton.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That the bonds of matrimony, now existing between Martha Newton, and her husband, John C. Newton, are hereby made null and void, to all intents and purposes, as if the said parties had never been married.

SECTION 2. The said Martha Newton shall enjoy and possess, all and singular, the rights and privileges of a *femme sole*, and shall have the entire control and management of her child, Charles C. Newton, in all respects whatever.

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No. 46.

AN ACT to authorize the boards of county commissioners of the several counties in this Territory to borrow money for the purpose of erecting court houses and jails.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That the boards of county commissioners, of the several counties in this territory, be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow, on the credit of their respective counties, at any interest not exceeding seven per centum per annum, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for the erection, at the county seats of the several counties, a court house, jail, and fire proof offices; which buildings shall be erected under the superintendence of the board of county commissioners of the respective counties.

Counties may borrow money for what purposes.

SECTION 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the money so borrowed shall be redeemable at any time not exceeding fifteen years, (as the parties may agree upon at the time of the borrowing of any such money) from the receipt of said money, and shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasuries of the respective counties, not

Conditions of the loan.

otherwise appropriated. And should there not be money in the treasury of any county, sufficient for that purpose, the board of said county are hereby, authorized to levy, and cause to be collected, a tax or series of taxes, for that purpose, with the interest thereon: *provided* that the interest shall be annually paid.

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liable for pay-
ment.

It is further provided, That there shall be no liability, for the payment of the principal sum so borrowed, except upon the proper county for whose use it was borrowed, and upon such other county as may be attached to the same, at the time the debt becomes due.

SECTION 3. This act to be in full force, and take effect from and after the first day of May next.

Approved January 15, 1838.

No. 47.

AN ACT relative to limited partnerships.

Limited partnerships permitted, and for what purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That limited partnerships, for the transaction of any agricultural, mercantile, mechanical, mining, smelting or manufacturing business within this territory—and for no other purpose whatever—may be formed by two or more persons, upon the terms, with the rights and powers, and subject to the conditions and liabilities herein prescribed.

General partners and their liabilities.

SECTION 2. Such partnerships shall consist of one or more persons, who shall be called general partners, and who shall be, jointly and severally, responsible as general partners now are by law, and of one or more persons, who shall contribute, in actual cash payment, a specific sum as capital, to the common stock, who shall be called special partners, and who shall not be liable for the debts of the partnership, beyond the fund so contributed by him or them to the capital.

Special partners.

General partners to act.

SECTION 3. The general partners only, shall be authorized to transact business, and sign for the partnership, and to bind the same.

SECTION 4. The persons desirous of forming such