

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to incorporate the lake Michigan and Mississippi Rail Road Company," approved February 4th, 1847. Chap 88.

THE People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The company incorporated by an act entitled "an act to incorporate the lake Michigan and Mississippi Rail Road Company," approved February 4th, 1847, are hereby authorized to increase the capital stock of said company, to a sum not exceeding two millions five hundred thousand dollars. May increase capital stock.

SEC. 2. The railroad authorized to be constructed by the said company, by the said act, shall commence on lake Michigan, at the city of Milwaukee, and shall terminate on the Mississippi river, at the town of Cassville, in the county of Grant. Commencement and terminats.

SEC. 3. The commencement of the construction of the said said railroad, shall be made within five years from the passage of said act of incorporation, and shall be completed within twelve years from such passage, in the manner provided by the said act. Time for completion.

SEC. 4. James H. Rodgers, Benjamin H. Edgerton, John H. Tweedy, James B. Martin, and James Kneeland of Milwaukee county; E. D. Clinton and Elisha Edgerton of Waukesha county; Miles K. Young, Charles L. La Grave, and William Prideaux of Grant county, be and they are hereby appointed additional commissioners with the same powers and duties as those named and provided for in the first section of said act of incorporation, approved February 4th, 1847. Commissioners.

SEC. 5. The words "district judge" and "district court," wherever the same may occur in said act, shall be construed to mean circuit judge and circuit court.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

JOHN E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the senate.

Approved, March 12, 1849.

NELSON DEWEY.

An act to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Chap 89.

THE People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. That whenever trustees shall have been chosen or appointed, or may hereafter be chosen or appointed in any society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in this state, according to the rules and discipline of said church, the same shall, by complying with the provisions of this act, become a body corporate, by the name of "the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at [the name of the place]," and by such name said trustees and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and shall be a person in law, capable of contracting and being contracted with, suing and being sued, and defending and being de-

May become body corporate.

fended, in all suits and actions whatsoever, both at law and in equity, and shall have power to acquire, hold, possess and enjoy, in trust for the Methodist Episcopal church according to the rules and discipline of said church, any lands, tenements and hereditaments, and to use, or to sell and convey the same, for the peculiar benefit of said church.

How to proceed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the preacher having charge of any society wishing to be incorporated, or of the presiding elder of the district, to execute a certificate under his hand and seal and duly acknowledged the same before some person authorized to take the acknowledgment of deeds, containing the names of the persons having been chosen or appointed trustees, the date of their appointment, and the name of the incorporation, and to cause the same to be filed in the office of the register of deeds of the county to be by him filed for record, and when such certificate shall have been thus executed, acknowledged and recorded, said trustees shall be a body corporate for the purposes, and possessing all the powers and privileges specified in the first section of this act.

Vacancy how filled.

SEC. 3. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in any such board of trustees, by death, resignation, or otherwise, such vacancy shall be filled according to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church, and a certificate of the same shall be acknowledged and filed for record as aforesaid.

Lands, &c. held in trust.

SEC. 4. All lands, tenements, and hereditaments that now are, or may hereafter be held by any trustee or trustees, in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall with the improvements and appurtenances descend to and be held by such trustee or trustees, as may from time to time be chosen or appointed, according to the rules and discipline of said church.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of April next, and may be amended or repealed by any future act of the legislature.

HARRISON C. HOBART,
Speaker of the Assembly.

J. E. HOLMES,

Lt. Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved, March 15, 1849.

NELSON DEWEY.

Chap 90.

An act to appropriate to William R. Smith a sum therein named.

THE People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Wm. R. Smith.

SECTION 1. The sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated to William R. Smith, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not set apart or appropriated, in full for one half years salary, as adjutant general of the militia of the state, due February