

are hereby authorised and empowered to raise a tax of seven hundred dollars on the taxable property of said Union School district for the purpose of building a school house in the village of Warecoma situate within the limits of said Union School district.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. When Act to take effect.

FREDERICK W. HORN,  
*Speaker of the Assembly.*  
DUNCAN C. REED,  
*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

Approved March 15th, 1851. NELSON DEWEY.

An Act to authorise Thomas J. Townsend to keep a ferry across Fox River.

Chap. 305

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. That Thomas J. Townsend, his heirs or assigns, shall have the right and privilege for the period of five years of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Fox River on Main street in the village of Sacramento in the county of Wau-shara. Who may maintain a ferry.

SEC. 2. Such ferry shall be subject to such regulations as other ferries according to law, fixing the rates of toll in the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and attended, and no ferry shall be licensed within two miles of the point where said ferry shall be established. Ferry subject to general laws.

SEC. 3. Said Thomas J. Townsend shall be entitled for crossing any vehicle drawn by two or more horses or oxen twenty cents; for any vehicle drawn by one horse fifteen cents; for a single horse ten cents; for each head of neat cattle after the first, five cents; for each hog or sheep after the first, one cent. Rates of Toll.

SEC. 4. This act may be amended by any future legislature. Act may be amended.

FREDERICK W. HORN,  
*Speaker of the Assembly.*  
DUNCAN C. REED,  
*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

Approved, March 15th 1851.  
NELSON DEWEY.

An Act supplementary and amendatory to an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Milwaukee, and acts amendatory thereto." Chap. 301

*The People of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly do enact as follows :*

SECTION 1. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the office of President of the common council of the city of Milwaukee, Common Council to fill vacancy in office of President.

said common council shall elect one alderman to fill said vacancy, and said alderman so elected shall be acting mayor of said city.

Highway upon  
Town or Ward  
lines—how laid  
out.

SEC. 2. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to lay out a highway, street or alley, upon the line between any of the wards of said city, and any of the adjacent towns, such highway, street or alley shall be laid out by the aldermen of such ward, and the supervisors of the adjacent town, under the same regulations and in the same manner as is prescribed for the laying out of highways upon the line between towns, in chapter sixteen, title six, of the revised statutes.

Council may li-  
cense taverns,  
&c.

SEC. 3. The common council of said city shall have power to establish rates for, and license and regulate taverns and groceries, and the sale of spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors: Provided, That the license in this section mentioned, shall in no wise be granted for a less sum or sums than is prescribed in an act entitled "An act licensing the sale of intoxicating liquors," approved March eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

Proviso:

Council may dis-  
miss certain of-  
ficers.

SEC. 4. The common council of said city shall have power to dismiss from office any person elected or appointed to any office in said city, except aldermen and justices of the peace; and the said common council shall provide by ordinance the manner of hearing and of disposing of complaints against any such officer.

Certain Alder-  
men empowered  
to borrow mon-  
ey on faith of  
the ward.

SEC. 5. The aldermen of the second ward of said city of Milwaukee, shall have authority to borrow on the faith of said ward, any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the aggregate the total amount of a special tax levied and assessed on certain lots and lands in said ward, for the continuation of Chestnut street in said ward, in case said tax shall be adjudged illegal; said sum or sums of money shall [be] borrowed for any term or terms not less than six years, or more than ten years, and at such rate or rates of interest, not exceeding ten per cent. per annum, as the said aldermen of the said ward shall deem expedient.

Certain Alder-  
men authorised  
to levy a special  
tax to fill up a  
bayou.

SEC. 6. The aldermen of the first ward of said city shall have power to provide for the filling up of the by river or bayou situated in the said ward, to defray the expense of said work, a special tax or taxes may be levied and assessed on the lots lying on said bayou, equal in the aggregate to the entire cost of filling up of said bayou, and said tax or taxes may be levied and assessed on and apportioned among the said lots, in proportion to the area of land added by the filling up of said bayou, to each of said lots.

SEC. 7. The aldermen of said first ward shall also have

authority to borrow on the faith of said ward, for any term not exceeding six years, and at any rate of interest not exceeding ten per centum per annum, as said aldermen shall deem expedient, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, to be applied to the finishing of the market house in said ward.

Aldermen empowered to borrow money to finish Market House.

SEC. 8. Section fifty-seven of "An act to incorporate the city of Milwaukee," approved January 31st, 1846, is hereby amended so as to permit each of the fire engines, hook and ladder, and hose companies, to increase the number of their members so as not to exceed seventy.

Act amended.

SEC. 9. The Aldermen of the respective wards of said city shall have power to cause to be set out within their wards on such streets as are graded to the established grade ornamental or shade trees, and shall maintain and preserve the same, and the expense of such improvement, shall be paid by a special tax on the lots fronting on such improvement.

Aldermen may cause shade trees to be set out on certain streets.

SEC. 10. The Aldermen of the respective wards of said city shall have power to construct, alter, re-construct and maintain wharves along the banks of the Milwaukee and Menominee rivers, and the said Aldermen shall have the same control over the said rivers as they have over public streets, to defray the expense of constructing said wharves and of dredging or excavating the river in front thereof a special tax shall be levied and assessed upon each of the lots fronting on said improvements in proportion to the extent of front on each such lot: Provided, that no lot shall be taxed for the expense of dredging said rivers more than eleven feet in depth and one hundred feet in width directly opposite such lot.

Aldermen may maintain wharves, and have control of rivers.

Special tax to be levied for building wharves, &c.:

Proviso.

SEC. 11. On the third Tuesday of May next and on the first Tuesday of April annually thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city of Milwaukee, one Mayor, three Aldermen for each ward, one City Treasurer, one Street Inspector for each ward, one City Attorney, one City Marshal, and one Police Justice, who shall possess all the authority, powers and rights of a Justice of the Peace in criminal cases and shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to hear all complaints and conduct all examinations and trials in such cases within the city; but warrants returnable before the Police Justice may be issued in criminal cases by any other Justice in the city. The Police Justice may exercise jurisdiction in civil cases where the City is plaintiff to the amount of one hundred dollars and he shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all such cases.

When certain officers to be elected.

Authority, powers &c. of police justice.

SEC. 12. On the third Tuesday of May next and on the first Tuesday of April in each year thereafter, the qualified voters of each of the wards of said city shall vote for three Asses-

When Assessors to be elected.

sors for the ward in which they vote and the three persons receiving the highest number of votes at such election for the office of Assessor in any ward shall be declared duly elected to said office and the Assessors elected in the several wards of said city shall be the Assessors of the State and county taxes and of all taxes authorised to be assessed for all purposes in the city and the several wards thereof and it shall be their duty to make all assessments and valuations in the manner and within the times prescribed in the laws of this State for the assessment of taxes for the State and county purposes: Provided, That they shall not be required to set down the lands and lots the owners of which are unknown, separate from the other assessments.

Duty of Assessors.

Proviso

Council may levy an annual tax.

SEC. 13. The Common Council of said city shall have power to assess and levy annually on such real or personal property or both as by law may be liable to taxation for State or county purposes a tax or taxes for the said city, ward, or other purposes at the rates and per centum of the assessed value of said property as is prescribed in section thirty-one, of an act to incorporate the city of Milwaukee, approved January thirty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and in section (second) of an act to authorise the Aldermen of the first ward of the city of Milwaukee to levy a special tax to raise money for the purpose of erecting a market house in said ward, approved March twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and forty nine, and in an act additional to "an act to incorporate the city of Milwaukee," approved August the nineteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight: Provided, That the said Common Council shall have the power to appropriate out of the general city fund such sums of money as may be necessary to pay the interest on the city bonds now issued for the erection of school and engine houses and for the purchase of fire apparatus and, Provided further, that the said Common Council shall have power to assess and levy an additional tax upon property taxable for city purposes, sufficient to pay the interest on the said city bonds in case the same shall be deemed necessary.

Proviso.

When council may levy additional tax.

Duties of City Clerk.

SEC. 14. The City Clerk shall perform all the duties required by [law] of Town Clerks in the assessment and collection of the State and county taxes, and he shall complete the tax list of each ward within such time as may be prescribed by the Common Council, and deliver the same to the Treasurer of the said city, together with the warrant of the Mayor for collecting the same, and all the taxes assessed upon real estate for the several State, county, city, ward and special purposes, shall be a lien on such real estate so taxed, until the same shall be paid and satisfied together with all costs and charges which may accrue thereon agreeably to law.

Taxes a lien on real estate.

SEC. 15. Upon the receipt of the tax lists by the Treasurer who shall be collector for all the wards, it shall be his duty to give notice in some newspaper printed in said city that said tax lists have been committed to him for the purpose of collecting the tax thereon, and that he will receive payment of taxes at his office until the first day of February then ensuing, and said notice shall also state the time and place, when and where he will sell all lots and lands in said list contained, upon which the taxes remain unpaid, at such time or so much thereof as will pay and satisfy all taxes which may be assessed thereon, together with all costs and other liabilities which shall accrue according to law, by advertisement and sale, and the said city treasurer shall proceed in making such sales, and shall give to the purchasers at such sales certificates thereof, and in all things after the manner of sales by the treasurers of counties, and the said lots and lands shall be sold upon the same terms and subject to the same time and conditions of redemption, and shall be redeemed in the same manner; and the city treasurer shall make and execute deeds to purchasers at such tax sales, after the time for redemption shall have expired, to the holders of the certificates, in the name of the city of Milwaukee, and shall sign the same as city treasurer, and attach the seal of said city thereto, and said deeds shall have the same effect and validity, and shall vest the same estate in the grantee, with the same rights, and subject to the same disabilities as deeds made in pursuance of sales by county treasurers for state and county taxes, and the record shall have the same validity; and the city treasurer shall issue warrants for the collection of taxes on personal property, as county treasurers may by law issue warrants, and the same shall be enforced and served in the same manner.

Treasurer to give notice when he will receive payments, and when sell lands.

When Treasurer to execute deeds.

Collection of taxes on personal Estate.

SEC. 16. The Aldermen of any ward of said city, where there is in force any general or special provision by law, or ordinance relating to docks or wharves, streets, alleys, lanes, sidewalks or nuisances, shall have power to levy and assess upon lots or pieces of land a special tax or taxes for building and constructing any dock or wharf, or for opening, widening, grading, graveling filling or making any street, alley, lane or sidewalk, or for abating any nuisance; and said Aldermen shall make under their hands, at such times as the Common Council of said city may prescribe, a return of such special taxes to the Clerk of said city, who shall file the same in his office, and the several amounts of taxes in said return contained shall be carried into the general tax list, and set opposite to the respective lots upon which the same may be levied and assessed in a separate column for that purpose, and the said tax or taxes

Aldermen for the several wards may levy special taxes for certain purposes.

Tax considered a general tax, and to create a lien.

on assessment so made out shall be regarded for all purposes of collection as a general tax, and shall create a like lien upon the lots and pieces of land upon which the same may be levied and assessed as aforesaid, in case of nonpayment of said tax together with such tax or taxes as may be levied upon said lots and pieces of land and left unpaid at the time limited for the payment of the general tax of said city; the said lots or lands shall be sold in the same manner as is provided for the sale of lots or lands for general city taxes, and said lots and lands so sold shall be subject to the same liabilities and limitations as lots or lands sold for general city taxes, and said special tax for the purposes of enforcing collection of said tax by sale for nonpayment thereof shall be deemed a general tax.

Lands to be sold as lands are sold for general taxes.

Term of office of certain incumbents extended.

SEC. 17. The present Mayor and Treasurer of said city, and the present Aldermen of the several wards thereof shall continue in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices until the first day of June next, and the present Common Council before going out of office shall examine and audit the accounts of said Treasurer.

FREDERICK W. HORN,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

DUNCAN C. REED,

*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

Approved, March 15th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.

## Chap. 306

An Act relating to "Swamp Lands."

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

Governor may appoint persons to select swamp lands.

SECTION 1. The Governor of this State is hereby authorized to appoint such a number of persons as he may deem advisable, to act under his direction, in selecting the "swamp lands" granted to this State by act of Congress, approved September 1850.

Compensation of persons and whom they may appoint.

SEC. 2. Such persons shall receive for their services each three dollars per day, and they are hereby authorized to employ, when they may deem it necessary, a competent Surveyor and Chain bearers: Provided, that such Surveyors shall not be allowed more than three dollars per day, and such Chain bearers more than one dollar and fifty cents per day.

Proviso.

What lands may not be surveyed.

SEC. 3. That said persons shall not survey any lands lying on any stream or lake which has been heretofore meandered or surveyed by the general government, where the land bordering on said stream, river, or lake has been sold by the government,