

act, and all payments made in any such unauthorized paper shall be null and void for any purpose whatever.

SEC. 8. The certificate of the secretary of state of any of the several states of the United States, and his hand and seal, shall be legal evidence of the corporate existence of any and all banking corporations within such state.

SEC. 9. This act shall be immediately published by the secretary of state, and take effect and be in full force from and after the first day of July, 1853: The secretary of state, shall cause this act to be published in every newspaper in this state.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

An Act for the encouragement of Agriculture, and its kindred arts, in this State. **Chap. 70.**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby annually appropriated, until the legislature shall by law otherwise direct, to the Wisconsin state agricultural society, the sum of one thousand dollars, to be expended by said society, in such manner as it may deem best calculated to promote and improve the condition of agriculture, horticulture, and the mechanical, manufacturing and household arts in this state, either for the payment of premiums, at the annual cattle shows and fairs of the society, or in the purchase and distribution of choice seeds, cuttings, plants or tubers, which have been tested and found adapted to the soil and climate of this state, or to the prosecution of scientific investigations and experiments, and the collection and diffusion of information tending to develop the natural and agricultural resources of Wisconsin. Sum appropriated.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee, of the said Wisconsin state agricultural society, to keep an accurate account of the manner of expenditure of the said sum of money hereby appropriated, and transmit the same, together with the vouchers therefor, to the governor of this state, in the month of January, in each year, to be by him laid before the legislature. Duty of executive committee.

SEC. 3. It shall also be the duty of the said executive committee of the Wisconsin state agricultural society, to collect, arrange, and collate all the information in their power in relation to the nature, origin and preparation of

soils, the cultivation and growth of crops, the breeding and management of stock, the application and character of manures and fertilizers, the introduction of new cereal and other grains, and other agricultural subjects, and report the same together with a statement of their own proceedings to the governor of this state in the month of January in each year, to be by him laid before the legislature.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

Chap. 71. An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the office of the Bank Comptroller.

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

To procure
iron safes.

SECTION 1. The Bank Comptroller, is hereby authorized to procure one suitable iron safe, to be deposited and kept in the vault of the state treasurer's office, and one suitable iron safe to be kept in his own office, for the safe keeping of the books, papers, and banking securities, belonging to said office; and his accounts for the same shall be audited by the secretary or state, and if allowed by him shall be paid out of the state treasury upon his warrant.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, to James S. Baker, the present bank comptroller, the sum of three hundred dollars, for procuring books, and forms, and for other expenses incurred in establishing said office.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

Chap. 72. An Act to amend Chapter thirty-four of Revised Statutes.

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

Chapter 34 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Chapter 34, of land and water."

SECTION 1. The river Mississippi, and the navigable waters, leading into the Mississippi and St. Lawrence, and