

An Act to amend section five of Chapter eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes. **Chap. 75.**

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

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter eighty-nine of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding thereto, the following proviso: *Provided*, That if the defendant shall, before he pleads to said complaint, make oath that from prejudice or other cause, he believes the justice will not decide impartially in the matter, then said justice shall immediately transmit all the papers in the case, to the nearest justice qualified by law, to try a cause between the state and the defendant who shall proceed to hear, try and determine the same, in the same manner, as it would have been lawful for the justice before whom the warrant was returnable to have done.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

An Act authorizing Railroad Companies to make certain contracts and connections. **Chap. 76.**

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

SECTION 1. Any railroad company in this state shall have full power and authority to make and enter into such contracts with any railroad company which has constructed, or shall hereafter construct any railroad, or railroads, terminating upon the eastern shore of lake Michigan, within the state of Michigan, as will enable said companies to run their roads in connection with each other, in such manner as they shall deem most beneficial to their interest; and such contracts when so made, shall have the same force and effects as they would have in case such power had been conferred by the acts creating such incorporations. Railroad Companies may contract.

SEC. 2. It shall be lawful for such companies to build, construct, and run as a part of their corporate property, such number of steamboats, or vessels as they may deem necessary to facilitate the business operations of such company or companies.

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