

from the State Treasury in such manner as the Board of Regents, by their by-laws or resolutions shall direct.

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

Approved, February 28, 1857.

## Chap. 26.

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AN ACT authorizing the enlargement of the State Capitol, and providing and appropriating means for the payment of the same.

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

Authority to sell  
the Capitol lands

§ 1. The Commissioners of School and University Lands, shall sell the ten sections of land appropriated by Congress "for the completion of Public Buildings," at such time and place, or places, as the Governor of this State shall direct, giving at least sixty days public notice of the time and place of such sale: *Provided*, That the actual settlers upon such lands, lawfully entitled to pre-empt any portion of the same, at the date of the passage of this act, may prove up and perfect such pre-emption, and pay the appraised value thereof, at any time before such day of sale. All of said lands that are not held by pre-emption, shall be sold to the highest bidder, but at not less than their appraised value, one half the purchase money to be paid at the time of sale, and the remainder in one year, with interest at seven per cent.

Money appropriated to build  
Capitol.

§ 2. The money arising from the sale of said lands is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of enlarging and improving the State Capitol; and for the purpose of aiding in said work, and providing fire proof offices within said enlarged building for the safe keeping of the books, records and public securities, and for the transaction of business in the offices of the State Treasurer, Bank Comptroller and the School Land Depart-

ment, the additional sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, the city of Madison shall, within sixty days from the passage of this act, donate to this State the sum of fifty thousand dollars, Proviso. and pay the same to the Governor in city bonds, bearing seven per cent. interest, and the said bonds, and the proceeds arising from the sale thereof, are hereby also appropriated to the enlargement and improvement of the Capitol, as hereinafter provided. This act shall be of no force or effect unless the said city bonds be first issued and delivered to the Governor of this State.

§ 3. The city of Madison is hereby authorized to issue fifty thousand dollars of coupon bonds, payable to the bearer thereof, at a stated time, not exceeding twenty years, for the purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, a majority of the owners of real estate in said city, voting on the question, shall authorize the same by vote to be taken at such time, and in such manner, as the Common Council, by ordinance shall provide: and *Provided further*, That the State shall never be liable for the payment of any part of said bonds, or the interest thereon, either to the city of Madison, or to any purchaser thereof.

§ 4. Immediately after the passage of this act the Governor shall employ some competent architect to prepare drawings and plans for the enlargement of the Capitol, and shall also receive and consider all other plans and drawings that may be submitted to him for that purpose, and, calling to his aid and advice the Secretary of State, shall approve and adopt the plan best calculated to meet the wants of the State; and shall proceed as soon as practicable, after the receipt of the bonds aforesaid, to let by contract to the lowest and best bidder, the construction of such enlargement, first giving at least thirty days notice of the time and place of receiving proposals for the same, in not less than five newspapers printed in different counties in the State. The Governor shall appoint some competent architect to superintend such construction and enlargement; *Provided*, That no contract shall be entered into by the Governor, that shall create any debt or liability on the State greater than the amount provided and appropriated by this act. And such contract shall require the work to be performed in such manner as to cause the least possible obstruction to the use and occupancy of the present building,

City of Madison  
authorized to issue  
bonds.

Governor and  
Secretary of State  
to adopt plan.

Contract to be  
let.

and shall require the full completion thereof, at some time prior to the first day of November, 1858.

City bonds to be deposited with State Treasurer.

§ 5. The Governor shall deposit said City Bonds with the State Treasurer, who is hereby authorized to sell the same for cash at their par value, and keep the funds arising from the sale thereof, in the State Treasury, applicable to the payment of the work authorized to be performed under this act.

Estimate of work and payment upon it.

§ 6. Once in each month, the Superintendent shall estimate and report to the Governor the amount of work performed and material furnished under the contract for such enlargement, and if the Governor approve the same he shall certify eighty-five per cent. thereof to the Secretary of State, who shall certify to the Treasurer, and direct the amount to be paid out of said City Bonds remaining unsold, at their par value, and the cash in the Treasury applicable to the payment thereof, in such equitable proportions as shall be agreed upon by the Governor and such contractor. Upon the completion of the work under such contract, the remaining fifteen per cent. shall be certified and paid in like manner.

§ 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## Chap. 27.

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AN ACT further to protect Laborers on Railroads.

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

R.Road company liable to pay laborers of contractors.

§ 1. Whenever any laborer upon any railroad in this State, shall have just claim or demand to the amount of twenty dollars or more for labor performed on such railroad, against any person being contractor on such railroad with the railroad company, for the construction of any part of the railroad of said company, such railroad company shall be liable to pay such laborer the amount of such claim or demand;