

their acts, so far as they are conformable to law, otherwise are hereby declared to be valid from the time of their election and qualification. But at the general election on the first Monday in August next, votes shall be received for three county commissioners, and the person having the highest number of votes shall serve three years, the next highest two years, and the third highest one year, from the day of said election.

SECTION 5. All the territory lying west of the county of Van Buren, east of the Missouri river, and not included within the limits of any other county, is hereby attached to the county of Van Buren for judicial purposes.

Country attached to Van Buren county.

Approved, June 22, 1838.

NO. 8.

AN ACT to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river in the county of Muscatine, in this territory.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of Wisconsin territory,* That James Chambers, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to establish and keep, or cause to be established and kept, a ferry across the Mississippi river at his residence in Muscatine county, with the exclusive privilege to the same, commencing where the fifth principal meridian strikes the Mississippi river in township seventy-seven north, and thence down said river one half of a mile and up said river from the starting point one half of a mile, for the term of twelve years: *provided,* that the said James Chambers, his heirs or assigns, shall be subject to all the laws now in force or that shall be in force in said territory in relation to ferries.

James Chambers' ferry.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said James Chambers his heirs or assigns, keep or cause to be kept within one year, at the place aforesaid a good and sufficient boat or boats to be propelled by horse or steam power, for the safe conveyance of passengers across said river without delay.

To keep a steam or horse ferry boat.

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