

urer, out of the general fund, according to the provisions of chapter twenty, and one hundred and seven, of the general statutes of A. D. 1853; *Provided*, That the expenses so incurred, shall be reimbursed out of the first sales of said lands.

Approved Feb. 21, 1854.

Chap. 16

AN ACT to provide for an annual appropriation for the benefit of the State Historical Society.

Published February 24, 1854.

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

§ 1. There is hereby annually appropriated, until the legislature shall by law otherwise direct, to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, the sum of five hundred dollars, to be expended by said society in collecting, embodying, arranging, and preserving in authentic form, a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers, paintings, statuary, and other materials illustrative of the history of Wisconsin; to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early pioneers, to obtain and preserve narratives of their exploits, perils and hardy adventures; to secure facts and statements relative to the history, genius, progress, or decay of our Indian tribes; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities, and the past and present resources of Wisconsin; also to aid in the publication of such of the collections of the society, as the society shall from time to time deem of value and interest; to aid in binding its books, pamphlets, manuscripts and papers, and in paying room rent and other necessary incidental expenses of the society. But no part of such annual appropriation shall ever be paid for services rendered by the officers to the society.

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§ 2. It shall be the duty of the executive committee of the said State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 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.

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

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Chap. 17.

AN ACT *to repeal chapter seventy-nine of session laws of 1853, entitled an act concerning bills of exchange and promissory notes.*

Published April 23, 1854.

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

Act repealed.

§ 1. Chapter seventy-nine of the session laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled "an act concerning bills of exchange and promissory notes," is hereby repealed; *Provided*, That this act shall in no wise effect any promissory note or bill of exchange due before this act shall take effect.

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

Approved Feb. 21, 1854.