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CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to legalize the acts of Thomas Blenkiron of La Fayette county, Wisconsin, a justice of the peace.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Legalized.

SECTION 1. The official acts of Thomas Blenkiron as justice of the peace in and for the county of La Fayette, residing in the town of New Diggings, from May 1, 1876, to May 1, 1878, are hereby legalized, in so far that they shall be deemed and taken to be legal, the same as if his official oath and bond had been filed as required by law.

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

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CHAPTER 38.

AN ACT relating to the operations of the United States coast survey.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

Rights of surveying parties.

SECTION 1. Any person charged with the execution of a survey, or any part thereof, authorized by the laws of the congress of the United States, may enter upon lands within this state for the purpose of exploring, triangulating, running lines of level, surveying, and doing any other act which may be necessary to carry out the objects of said laws, and may erect any signals, temporary observatories or other small frame buildings, and establish permanent marks of stations, and encamp upon said lands, doing no unnecessary injury thereby.

Claims for damages to be heard by county court.

SECTION 2. If the parties interested cannot agree upon the amount to be paid for damages caused thereby, either of them may petition the county court in the county in which the land is situated, which court shall appoint a time for a hearing at the earliest possible date, with at least fourteen days' notice given to all parties interested; and, with or without a view of the