

keep a ferry, shall be made by any person other than such owner, the board shall not grant a license to such person, unless proof shall be made, that the said applicant caused notice in writing to be given to such owner, at least eight days before the regular session of the board of commissioners, of his intention to make such application.

SECTION 7. If, at any time, the board of commissioners aforesaid shall grant a license to a person who has not before kept such ferry, the said grantee shall purchase the boats of the previous keeper, at the appraisal of three disinterested persons, to be appointed by the board aforesaid: *provided*, said appraisers shall adjudge said boats to be good and sufficient for the use of said ferry.

SECTION 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act, shall not be applicable to the county of Milwaukee, and the counties thereto attached for judicial purposes, in this territory.

SECTION 9. This act to take effect from and after the first organization of the board of county commissioners in the several counties of this territory.

Approved January 18, 1838.

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## No. 75.

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

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That John Wilson, 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 Davenport, in Scott county, with the exclusive privilege to the same, commencing at his ferry house on the bank of said river, thence down said river one mile, and up as far as Antoine Le Clair's reserve extends, for the term of ten years: *provided*, that the said John Wilson, 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, tolls, &c.

SECTION 2. This act to take effect from and after

its passage: *provided*, that said John Wilson keep, or cause to be kept, 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, horses, cattle, and hogs, across said river without delay.

Approved, January 18, 1838.

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### No. 76.

AN ACT to legalize and make valid the records of deeds and other conveyances of the county of Brown.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That all the acts done and performed, between the first Monday in April eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and the day of the passage of this act, by the register of deeds, in law or in fact of the county of Brown, and all the acts done and performed, by the deputy register, whether he shall have filed his appointment and oath of office with the county clerk, or clerk of the district court, of said county, previous to his having performed the duties of register, or otherwise, be and the same are hereby legalized and declared valid, so far as said acts have been done in the execution of the duties of said office.

Approved January 18, 1838.

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### No. 77.

AN ACT for the punishment of the crime of bribery.

The crime defined and the penalty fixed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, That if any person directly or indirectly, gives any sum or sums of money, or any goods, chattels, lands, or real estate, or any other bribe, present or reward, or give or make any promise, contract, covenant, obligation, or security, for