

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.

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.

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

the payment, delivery, alienation, or transfer, of any money, goods, chattels, lands, or real estate, or other bribe, present, or reward, to obtain, procure or influence, the vote of any member of the legislature of this territory, or influence the opinion, judgment, decree or behavior of any judge or judges, justice or justices of the territory, in any action, plea, suit, complaint, indictment, controversy, matter or cause, depending or which shall depend before him or them, such person, so giving, promising or receiving, contracting or securing to be given and taken, paid delivered, aliened, transferred or received, as the case may be, any sum or sums of money, goods, chattels, lands, real estate or other present, reward or bribe as aforesaid, shall be void; the giver and receiver on being duly convicted of giving or receiving any bribe as aforesaid, shall, on conviction, be punished by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both at the discretion of the court. And such person so receiving or taking, shall forever thereafter be disqualified to vote for, or hold any office, of honor, trust or profit under this territory; and if a member of the legislature, on examination and conviction had before such house as he may belong to, said member when so convicted shall be forthwith expelled, and shall forever thereafter be disqualified to vote for or hold any office of honor, trust or profit as hereinbefore provided for.

SECTION 2. If any person shall, directly or indirectly, give or receive any sum or sums of money, or any other bribe, present or reward, or any promise, contract, obligation or security, for the payment of any money, goods, chattels, lands or real estate or for any present or reward or any other thing of value to influence any judge, justice, sheriff, coroner, clerk, constable, jailer, attorney general or circuit attorney, member of the legislative assembly, or other officer, ministerial or judicial, but such fees as are allowed by law with intent to induce or influence such officer, to appoint or receive any office or execute any powers in him vested, or perform any duty of him required, with partiality or favor, or otherwise than is required by law, or in consideration that such officer hath appointed any person to any office, or exercised any power in him vested, or performed any duty of him required with

partiality or favor, or otherwise contrary to law, the person so giving, and the officer so receiving any money, bribe, goods, chattels, lands and real estate, present, reward, promise, contract, obligation or security, with interest, or for the purpose or consideration aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on conviction shall be punished as is heretofore provided for in the first section of this act.

SECTION 3. This act to be in force from and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts that contravene the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved January 18, 1838.

No. 78.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act concerning the supreme and district courts and defining their jurisdiction and powers."

Cause to be continued unless commenced 90 days before the term.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That in all actions hereafter to be brought, in any of the district courts of this territory, a trial shall not be had at the first term (except by the consent of the parties) unless the writ shall have been issued and served, at least ninety days before the first day of the term to which the same is returnable; and the declarations filed at the time of the issuing of the writ: *provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent a continuance for good cause.

Approved Jan. 19, 1838.

79.

AN ACT relating to strays.

When stray must not be taken up.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin,* That no person shall take up any unbroke animal as a stray between the first day of April and the first day of No-