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38.

AN ACT to authorize Matthias Hamm and Horace Smead to establish a ferry across the Mississippi river.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the council and house of Ferry across Mississippi, and representatives of the territory of Wisconsin, That Matthias Hamm and Horace Smead, their heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep, or cause to be established and kept, a ferry across the Mississippi river, between the east side or bank of said river, at some point on the south-east fractional quarter of section twenty in township number one north, of range two west of the fourth principal meridian and Hamm's landing, on the west side of Eagle Point. said river, or as near as practicable to "Eagle Point," for the term of twenty-one years from and after the Term of 21 passage of this act: provided, that said ferry, when so established, shall be subject to the same regulations. and under the same restrictions, as other ferries are or may hereafter be by law in this territory, fixing the rates of toll, and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and attended to.

This act to be in full force from and af-SECTION 2. ter its passage.

> P. H. ENGLE, Speaker of the house of representatives. HENRY Š. BAIRD, President of the council. H. DODGE.

Approved, Dec. 8, 1836.

39.

AN ACT to amend and adopt the several laws of this territory for the several judiciary tribunals, for the purpose of giving said laws full force and effect according to the provisions thereof.

How existing laws of Michigan construed.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives, That the existing laws of Michigan, as declared in full force in this territory by the act of congress organizing the territory of Wisconsin, be taken and construed liberally and beneficially, for the

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purpose or giving the said laws full force and effect, according to the true intent and meaning thereof; and in all cases where the words "circuit and supreme courts of Michigan" occur, the district and supreme courts of Wisconsin shall be deemed and taken in lieu thereof; and all the duties required of the officers of said "circuit and supreme courts of Michigan" shall be performed respectively by them in the supreme and district courts, as now established by law.

Wherever, in the said acts which are "Wisconsin" SECTION 2. declared in force by this act, the word "Michigan" oc- "Michigan," curs, the word "Wisconsin" shall be substituted in and so also as to courte. lieu thereof; and whenever the word "Detroit" occurs therein, the words "seat of government of the territory of Wisconsin" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and whenever by the said acts powers are conferred and duties are imposed on the circuit courts or the judges thereof, or the county courts or the judges thereof, the same shall be executed and performed by the district courts and the judges thereof, in their respective districts.

Section 3. This act to be in force and take effect from and after the passage thereof.

> P. H. ENGLE. Speaker of the house of representatives. HENRY S. BAIRD. President of the council. H. DODGE.

pproved, Dec. 8, 1836.

No. 40.

AN ACT entitled, "an act to incorporate the Peketonica copper mining company.'

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the council and house of Pecatonics minrepresentatives of the territory of Wisconsin, That Lyman ing company. J. Daniels, David Irvin, Charles Bracken, John G. Hughlit, and such other persons as they may associate with them, be and they are hereby declared to be a body corporate, by the name and style of the "Peke-٩. tonica copper mining company;" and by that name