and pay the said treasurer not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of said treasurer, who shall receipt for the same, which receipt shall be forthwith presented to the clerk of the board of commissioners of the proper county, who is hereby required to make out his permit under the seal of the said county, for which such clerk shall be entitled to receive as a fee therefor the sum of one dollar, to be paid by such applicant, which shall be a sufficient voucher for such applicant to show or exhibit such animals, wax work, or otherwise during his stay in such county: provided, that such stay shall not exceed three months; and further provided, that nothing in this act contained shall prevent any board of trustees of any incorporated town, from taxing such exhibitions agreeably to their corporate laws and ordinances passed in pursuance thereof.

Tavern licenses.

SECTION 9. All taxes arising from tavern licenses or otherwise, shall be paid in to the county treasurer.

Duties of officers in relation to this act. SECTION 10. All sheriffs, coroners, constables, clerks, county treasurers, collectors, assessors, justices of the peace and county commissioners shall be required, and it is hereby made their duty, to cause to be prosecuted all who may violate the provisions of this act.

SECTION 11. That from and after the organization of the first treasury under this act, all acts or parts of acts coming within the purview of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved December 20, 1837.

## No. 6.

AN ACT to establish the boundary lines of the counties of Dubuque, Clayton, Jackson, Benton, Lynn, Jones, Clinton, Johnson, Scott, Delaware, Buchanan, Cedar, Fayette and Keokuk; and to provide for the location of the seats of justice in said counties, and for other purposes.

Clayton.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of Wisconsin territory, That the country lying within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the point on the Mississippi river, where the fifth principal meridian intersects the same; thence run-

ning south on the said meridian line, to the line dividing townships ninety and ninety-one north; thence west, along said line to the line dividing ranges six and seven west; thence north, along the said line to the neutral ground; thence along the southern boundary of the said neutral ground to the Mississippi river; thence down the middle of the main channel of the said river to the place of beginning—shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Clayton; and the seat of justice of said county is located and established at the town of Prairie La Port.

SECTION 2. The whole of the country lying west Fayette. of the Mississippi and north of the southern boundary of the county of Clayton, extending westward to the western boundary of Wisconsin territory and not included within the proper limits of the said county of Clayton, as before described, shall for temporary purposes be attached to, and in all respects be considered a part of the county of Clayton, and be called Fayette.

SECTION 3. The boundary lines of the county of Dubuque. Dubuque are hereby established as follows: beginning at a point in the main channel of the Mississippi river, where the fifth principal meridian intersects the same: thence south along the said meridian to the line dividing townships ninety and ninety-one north; thence west with the said line to the line dividing ranges two and three west, thence south along said range line to the line dividing townships eighty-six and eightyseven; thence east along said line to the line dividing ranges two and three east of the said meridian; thence north along said range line to the line dividing townships eighty-seven and eighty-eight north; thence east along said line to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence north with the main channel of said river to the place of beginning; and the seat of justice of said county is hereby established at the town of Dubuque.

SECTION 4. All the country lying within the fol-Delaware. lowing limits, to wit: beginning at the northwest corner of Dubuque county; thence west along the line dividing townships ninety and ninety one north, to the line dividing ranges six and seven west; thence south along said range line to the line dividing town-

ships eighty six and eighty-seven north; thence east along said line to the line dividing ranges two and three west of the principal meridian; thence north to the place of beginning—shall be, and the same is hereby constituted a separate county to be called Delaware.

Buchanan.

Section 5. All the country lying west of the county of Delaware and between the line dividing townships eighty-six and eighty-seven, and the line dividing townships ninety and ninety-one north, extended to the western boundary of the territory shall be, and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Buchanan.

Counties attach-

Section 6. The counties of Delaware and Bued to Dubuque. chanan shall, for temporary purposes, be considered in all respects a part of the county of Dubuque.

Jackson.

SECTION 7. All the country lying within the limits following: beginning at the southeast corner of Dubuque county and running with said southern boundary to the fifth principal meridian; thence south along said meridian to the line dividing townships eighty-three and eighty-four; thence east along said line to the middle of the main channel of the Missis. sippi; thence north with the said channel to the place of beginning; shall be and is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Jackson; and the seat of justice for said county is located at the town of Bellevue.

Jones.

Section 8. All the country lying within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the northwest corner of Jackson county; thence west with the southern boundaries of Dubuque and Delaware counties, to the range line dividing four and five west; thence south along said range line to the line dividing townships eighty-two and eighty three north; thence east with said line to the fifth principal meridian; thence north to the place of beginning; shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county to be called Jones.

Line.

SECTION 9. All the country lying within the following limits, to wit: beginning at the northwest corner of Jones county; thence west along the southern boundary of Delaware and Buchanan counties to the line dividing ranges eight and nine west; thence south with the said range line to the line dividing townships eighty-one and eighty two north; thence east along said township line to the line dividing four and five west; thence north along said line to the place of beginning; shall be, and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Linn.

SECTION 10. All the country lying west of the Benton. county of Linn and between the line dividing townships eighty-one and eighty-two north, and the line divining townships eighty-six and eighty-seven, extended to the western boundary of the territory, shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Benton.

SECTION 11. The counties of Jones, Linn and Ben- Attached to ton shall, for temporary purposes, be attached to and Jackson. be considered in all respects a part of the county of Jackson.

Section 12. All the country lying within the fol-cuinton. lowing limits, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of the county of Jackson; thence west with the southern boundary of said county of Jackson, to the fifth principal meridian; thence south along said meridian to the line dividing townships eighty and eightyone north; thence east along said line to where it intersects the Wabasipinica river; thence down the main channel of said river to its mouth; thence due east to the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence up with the said channel to the place of beginning, shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Clinton.

SECTION 13. All the country lying the following cedar. limits, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of Jones county; thence west with the southern boundary of the said county of Jones to the line dividing ranges four and five west; thence south with said line to the line dividing townships seventy-eight and seventy-nine north; thence east to the fifth principal meridian; thence north with said meridian to the place of beginning, shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Cedar; and the seat of justice is located and established at Rochester.

SECTION 14. All the country lying within the fol- Johnson. lowing limits, to wit: beginning at the southeast corner of Linn county; thence west, with the southern boundary of said county of Linn, to the line dividing ranges

eight and nine west; thence south to the line dividing townships seventy-six and seventy-seven north; thence east with said township line to the line dividing ranges four and five, west of the fifth principal meridian; thence with said range line, north to the place of beginning; shall be, and the same is hereby constituted

a separate county, to be called Johnson.

Keckuk.

Section 15. All the country lying west of the county of Johnson, and between the line dividing townships seventy-six and seventy-seven and the line dividing townships eighty-one and eighty-two north, extended to the western boundary of the territory, shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Keokuk.

Attached to

Section 16. The counties of Johnson and Keokuk shall for temporary purposes, be attached to and considered in all respects a part of the county Cedar.

Scott.

All the country lying within the fol-Section 17. lowing limits, to wit: beginning at a point in the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river where the line dividing ranges one and two, east of the fifth principal meridian intersects the same; thence north with said range line to the line dividing townships seventy-eight and seventy-nine north; thence west with said line to the fifth principal meridian; thence north with said meridian to the line dividing townships eighty and eighty-one north; thence east with said line to a point where the said line intersects or crosses the Wabasipinica river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to its mouth; thence due east to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence down the said channel to the place of beginning; shall be and the same is hereby constituted a separate county, to be called Scott.

County seat of Scott.

Section 18. That the seat of justice in the county of Scott shall, from and after the first day of April next, be established either at Davenport or Rockingham, as may be decided by the qualified voters of the said county, as is hereafter provided.

Section 19. That an election be held in the said county of Scott, on the third Monday of February 1838, for the purpose of seclecting one of the places named in the eighteenth section of this act, as the future seat of justice for the said county. The sheriff of said county shall cause at least twenty days' previ-

ous notice of the said election to be published in the newspaper printed at Dubuque, and on the day of election, polls shall be opened at each of the following places, viz: H. W. Higgins' hotel in Rockingham; John H. McGregor's hotel in Davenport; the house of J. A. Richards, at the house of E. Parkhurst in Parkhurst, at which the qualified voters of the said county may vote for either Davenport or Rockingham as the seat of justice of the county aforesaid. The said election shall be in all respects conducted, and the votes canvassed, in the same manner as in the case of elections for township and county officers, and the returns thereof shall be made and certified by the inspectors to the clerk of the district court of Dubuque county, and certified by the said clerk to the governor of the territory. The place named in the eighteenth section of this act having the greatest number of votes shall, from and after the third Monday of February next, be the seat of justice of said county; and upon the receipt of the returns of the said election, the governor of the territory shall issue his proclamation, declaring the result, and the place fixed by the vote of the people residing within the boundaries of Scott county, as the seat of justice thereof: provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize any person residing in any county attached to the county of Scott, to vote at the election for the seat of justice aforesaid.

The county of Clinton shall, until Clinton attach-Section 20. otherwise directed by law, be attached to and in all ed to Scott.

respects considered a part of the county of Scott.

Section 21. The proper authorities of the several counties to counties hereby established, so soon as the said coun proportion of ties shall become organized, shall liquidate and pay so debt. much of the debt now due and unpaid by the present county of Dubuque, as may be their legal and equitable proportion of the same, according to the assessment value of the taxable property, which shall be made therein.

Section 22. The sheriff of Dubuque county is hereby authorized and shall proceed to collect the taxes now due and assessed in the original county of Dubuque, in the same manner as if the county had not been divided, anything in any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Suits prosecuted to final judgment where.

SECTION 23. All suits, prosecutions and other matters which are now, or may be commenced before the first day of March, 1838, in the district court of the county of Dubuque, or before any justice of the peace of said original county of Dubuque, shall be prosecuted to final judgment and execution before the same courts and in the same county as they would have been if this act had not been passed; and the same proceedings shall be had in all such suits, prosecutions and other matters, as would have been had if this act had not been passed.

Seat of justice of Clinton county, how located.

SECTION 24. That for the purpose of locating the seat of justice in the county of Clinton, the sheriff of said county shall conform with the provisions of the 19th section of this act, as respects notice of elections, the day of election and the qualified voters residing within the limits of Clinton county, as established by this act, shall meet on the day mentioned in the said 19th section, at such places as the sheriff shall direct, and vote for the towns of Lyons and Cammanche, and the town having the greatest number of votes, shall be the seat of justice for said county of Clinton.

Approved, Dec. 21, 1837.

## No. 7.

AN ACT organizing a board of county commissioners in each county in this territory.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin, That there shall be and hereby is organized in each county in this territory, a board of county commissioners for transacting county business, to consist of three qualified electors, any two of whom shall be competent to do business, to be elected by the qualified electors of the several counties respectively. The first election shall take place on the first Monday in March next; and thereafter the election shall be at the time and places of the general election of each county.

When elected.

SECTION 2. At the first election in pursuance of this act, the person having the highest number of votes shall serve three years; the person having the

Time of service.