SEC. 2. Any person may, at his option, pay at the rate of one Commutation fee dollar for every day he shall be so bound to labor; and in default of the performance of such labor or the payment of such money, the said President and Trustees may sue for and collect such amount by action of debt, with twenty-five per cent damages, together with all the costs of suit, before any justice of the peace in said town.

SEC. 3. There shall be no stay of execution upon any judg-What may be tament rendered on such suit, nor shall any property of the defend tion. ant be exempt from being taken to satisfy such judgment and the costs.

SEC. 4. The President and Trustees shall have the authority Fire companies to order the formation of fire engine and hose companies and fire hook and ladder companies, each to contain from sixteen to twenty-four able bodied men, between the ages of eighteen and How formed and fifty years, which companies shall be formed by voluntary enlist-soverned. ment and governed by their own bye-laws. Each member of said companies shall be exempt from jury duty and from militin Members exmutation of insurrection or invasion.

SEC. 5. Sections eighteen and twenty-six of which this act is certain sections amendatory, and so much of section twenty one as authorizes the pealed. President and Trustees to lease the foot of any street running into the Milwaukee river are hereby repealed.

Approved, January 11th, 1840.

## No. 26.

## AN ACT to amend an act to provide for aiding in the construction of the Milwaukee and Rock River Canal.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

SECTION 1. That from and after the expiration of the time compensation of for which the canal officers were appointed, the following comlished. pensation shall be made for services to be rendered by said officers, on the part of the Territory, viz: The Register shall receive one per centum, and the Receiver shall receive two per centum, on the amount of all money by them received in payment for land sold, and each of said officers shall receive one per centum c. ... amount of all disbursements, made through their offices, in the prosecution of the canal; provided that, in no case shall said register or receiver be entitled to receive, in any one year, a sum exceeding three hundred dollars, either in per centage, commissions, or salary, in any manner, for discharging the official duties required of them by law. The acting Commissioner shall be entitled to receive five dollars per day for such time as he shall actually devote to the business of the canal, and as shall be required by the active operations and progress of said Work, which sum shall include both pay and expenses of said Commissioner; and the Engineer shall be hereafter entitled to receive a compensation of eight dollars per day, for the time actually employed on the canal, when thereto required by the canal commissioner.

Balaries of former officers to be paid.

SEC. 2. That the Governor be and is hereby authorized to pay, out of any monies belonging to the canal fund, the amount of salaries which are due to the several officers during the time for which they were appointed, agreeably to the act of which this is an amendment, being one year's salary for each of said officers.

Commissioners to be elected annually.

B. SEC. 3. The canal commissioners shall be elected annually, on joint ballot of the Council and House of Representatives of this Territory, and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, and until others are elected in their places.

Canal funds how applied until, &c.

After a loan is effected, how.

Payments to be made quarterly.

That in case a loan shall not be effected on or before SEC. 4. the first day of September pext, all money which shall then belong to the canal fund, or which shall thereafter come into the hands of commissioners in payment of the interest on sales of the canal lands, shall be applied to the construction of the canal, in the same manner as any money to be obtained by loan, is authorized to be applied, by law, until a loan shall have been obtained, but when a loan shall have been effected, the payments for land thereafter failing due, and all sums of money which shall thereafter be received for or on account of any sales of canal lands shall be applied in payment of interest and liquidation of said lean, in the manner prescribed by the act to which this is an amendment. SEC. 5. That the compensation allowed by the first section of this act, and also such incidental expenses as may be deemed properly chargeable to the canal fund, by the board of canal commissioners, shall be paid quarterly, by check or draft of the Register or the Receiver, and it shall be the duty of the Register

and Receiver to report quarterly, to the Governor, an accurate account of all money by them expended and the nature and object of such expenditure.

SEC. 6. That the Canal Company he required to report Annual report to the Legislature. annually to the Legislature, during the first week of the session, the state and condition of the canal, and the amount of stock by Its contents them subscribed and paid in, the amount of money by them expended on the canal, the amount of work under contract, the estimated operations of the Company for the year ensuing each of said annual reports, also to report the number of officers by them employed, the respective duties assigned to and discharged by each, the salary or other compensation to each allowed, for services rendered, and, generally, such information as will enable the Legislature to judge of the propriety and economy of the measures pursued by said company, and in case said company shall refuse or neglect to submit such report to the Legislature at. the regular annual session thereof after the passage of this act, no funds of the Territory shall thereafter be applied to the work Forfeiture for which may then be in progress, until such report shall have been moglect. submitted to the satisfaction of the Legislature.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its passage. Approved, January 11th, 1840.

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AN ACT to provide for taking the census, or enumeration of the inhabitants of this Territory, and to fix the time of holding an extra session of the Legislative Assembly.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

SECTION 1: That the Governor of the Territory is hereby empowered to contract with the Marshal of this Territory, at a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, to furnish to the Governor, on or before the first day of August next, to be laid before the Legislative Assembly at the session herein after provided for, a full and complete transcript of the enumeration of all personel residing within this Territory, agreeably to the form of returns prescribed in an act of the Congress of the United States, entitled er b u