

soils, the cultivation and growth of crops, the breeding and management of stock, the application and character of manures and fertilizers, the introduction of new cereal and other grains, and other agricultural subjects, and report the same together with a statement of their own proceedings to the governor of this state in the month of January in each year, to be by him laid before the legislature.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

**Chap. 71.** An Act to provide for the contingent expenses of the office of the Bank Comptroller.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

To procure iron safes.

SECTION 1. The Bank Comptroller, is hereby authorized to procure one suitable iron safe, to be deposited and kept in the vault of the state treasurer's office, and one suitable iron safe to be kept in his own office, for the safe keeping of the books, papers, and banking securities, belonging to said office; and his accounts for the same shall be audited by the secretary or state, and if allowed by him shall be paid out of the state treasury upon his warrant.

SEC. 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law, to James S. Baker, the present bank comptroller, the sum of three hundred dollars, for procuring books, and forms, and for other expenses incurred in establishing said office.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage and publication.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

**Chap. 72.** An Act to amend Chapter thirty-four of Revised Statutes.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

Chapter 34 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: "Chapter 34, of land and water."

SECTION 1. The river Mississippi, and the navigable waters, leading into the Mississippi and St. Lawrence, and

the carrying places between the same, shall be common highways, and forever free as well to the inhabitants of the state, as to the citizens of the United States, without any tax, impost or duty, therefor: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall prevent the collection of all tolls imposed for necessary easements, constructed in the said navigable waters. Provision.

SEC. 2. All rivers and streams of water in this state in all places where the same have been meandered, and returned as navigable by the surveyors employed by the United States government, are hereby declared navigable to such an extent, that no dam, bridge, or other obstruction, may be made in or over the same, without the permission of the legislature: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed so as affect to any act now in force granting to towns, or county boards of supervisors, the power to erect, or authorize the construction of bridges across such streams. Navigable streams to be common highways.  
Provision.

SEC. 3. The boundaries of lands adjoining waters, and the several and respective rights of individuals, the state, and its citizens, in respect to all such lands and waters, shall be determined in conformity to the common law, so far as applicable as evidenced by judicial determinations in other states, in which the courts in such cases have adhered to its principles: *Provided*, That the provisions of this section shall have no effect in the determination of causes now pending in any of the courts of this state. Boundaries determined by common law.  
Provision.

Approved, April 2, 1853.

An Act to repeal Chapter three hundred and forty, and Chapter four hundred and sixty-four of the Session Laws of A. D. 1852. Chap 73.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and forty, and four hundred and sixty-four, of the session laws of eighteen hundred fifty-two, are hereby repealed, and all acts or parts of acts repealed by either of said chapters, are hereby revived: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall have the effect to prohibit the receiving of any scrip, issued in conformity with chapter 340 of the session laws of 1852, in payment for lands belonging to the improvement: *Provided further*, That from and after the passage of this act, the board of public works shall not have the Board of Public Works.