

viding for the publication of the annual report and collections of the State Historical Society, be and the same are hereby suspended in their operation for the year 1858.

SEC 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved May 17th, 1858.

## Chapter 151.

*Published June 5th, 1858.*

AN ACT to authorize the inhabitants upon Government lands to form themselves into bodies corporate to carry out the provisions of an act of Congress, approved May 23d, 1844.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any of the public lands of the United States, within the limits of this State, have been or hereafter shall be settled upon, occupied and claimed as a town or village site, it shall be lawful for the inhabitants, occupants, and claimants thereof, or a majority of them, to meet at such time and place as they may agree upon, and when so met, to organize themselves into a body corporate by choosing a chairman and a clerk, and agreeing upon a corporate name and articles of association, by the terms of which the rights of the bona fide claimants of such lands shall be protected; and by choosing three trustees of such corporation. Such articles of association shall define the duty of such trustees, and shall also determine the tenure of its officers, and the time and manner of holding further elections of such corporation.

May form themselves into a corporation—how to organize.

SEC. 2. The trustees of such corporation shall have power to establish all such by-laws as may be needful and consistent with the provisions of this act.

Trustees.

SEC. 3. The chairman and clerk of the first meeting shall cause a certified copy of the doings of said first meeting to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the county where such land is situate; and such record shall be evidence of the incorporation and corporate existence of the company therein named.

Duty of chairman and clerk of first meeting.

Power of trustees.

SEC. 4. The trustees so as aforesaid chosen, and their successors in office, shall have full power and authority to enter or purchase said lands at the proper land office, in trust for the corporation whom they represent, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States in relation to town sites, and to convey the same to the proprietors thereof according to their respective interests therein, according to the laws of this State.

SEC. 5. This act shall, immediately after its passage, be printed by the State Printer, and when so published, shall take effect and be in full force.

Approved May 17th, 1858.

## Chapter 152.

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AN ACT to provide means to pay State indebtedness.

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

Failing to pay State tax—  
duty of State treasurer.

SECTION 1. In case any county in this State shall hereafter fail, neglect, or refuse, for the space of thirty days after the time appointed by law for the payment of State taxes due from any county to the State, to pay such taxes at the time and place the same are required by law to be paid, then the State Treasurer shall charge interest against said county on the whole amount of such taxes due from any such delinquent county from the time such delinquency occurs until the payment of such taxes, at the rate of twenty-five per centum per annum, until the whole sum of unpaid taxes shall be paid by such delinquent county to the State, as required by law; and if at the time of the payment of the taxes by such county, the interest is not then paid in full by such county, then the interest money so accrued shall be added to the ensuing amount of State taxes to be raised and paid to the State by such delinquent county; *Provided*, That no interest shall be charged on any taxes now due from any county in this State until after the first day of July, A. D. 1858.

Proviso.