

cretionary power heretofore given to them, in certain cases to sell the same in September, is hereby annulled.

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

Approved March 19, 1873.

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## CHAPTER 243.

[Published March 29, 1873.]

AN ACT to provide for the settlement of the claim therein mentioned.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :*

Governor to appoint commissioners to sell certain claim.

SECTION 1. The governor is hereby authorized and required to appoint three commissioners, to be disinterested persons and residents of the state, who shall have full power and authority to hear, try and determine the claim for damages made by Morgan L. Martin, under the contract entered into by him with the state, and bearing date May 14, 1861, and for that purpose may meet at such time and place as they may appoint, and having taken an oath to faithfully and impartially discharge the duties herein required, may take testimony of witnesses, and may also take into consideration the evidence adduced in a certain case in which said Martin was plaintiff, and the Fox and Wisconsin Improvement Company was defendant, and filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county of Brown, on the 31st day of December, 1861.

How fill vacancy in commission.

SECTION 2. In case a vacancy should occur in said commission by death or otherwise, the governor is hereby authorized to fill the same, and upon a report made and certified by a majority of said commissioners to the secretary of state awarding any sum of money in satisfaction of said claim, and on his approval thereof, he shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount so awarded.

Per diem of commissioners.

SECTION 3. The per diem of said commissioners shall be ten dollars per day each, during the time they may be engaged in the performance of the duty assigned them, and they shall also be entitled to receive payment for necessary travelling expenses, all of which shall be paid by the claimant, and in no event be chargeable to the state.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated, out of appropriated. any money in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to carry into effect the provisions of section two of this bill [act] : *provided*, that the same shall not be paid before February 1, 1874.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 19, 1873.

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## CHAPTER 244.

[Published March 25, 1873.]

AN ACT to enable the town of Grand Chute and the city of Appleton to settle their bonded indebtedness.

WHEREAS, The town of Grand Chute, A. D. 1855, is- Preamble. sued its bonds to the amount of ten thousand dollars, pursuant to an act of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin, approved February 10th, 1854, entitled an act to authorize the towns therein named to subscribe plankroad stock ; and

WHEREAS, The validity of said bonds has been contested by said town, but such bonds have been declared to be valid by the supreme court of the United States ; and

WHEREAS, The said town of Grand Chute and the city of Appleton are desirous of compromising with the holders of said bonds, and adjusting terms for the payment of the same ; therefore,

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the common council of the city of Appleton and the board of super-  
visors of the town of Grand Chute to make and execute the joint bond or bonds of said city and town, and to exchange the same for any bond or bonds, or any coupons which have been cut off from any bond or bonds which were issued as aforesaid, or to use the same in payment or part payment, or for the purchase of any judgment or decree against said town and city, or either of them, and which judgment or decree may be founded upon any bond or bonds issued under said act, or any interest coupon or coupons originally at-

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