

hereby amended by inserting in said section the words "or voted."

Commissioners of public debt. SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter is amended by adding to the same the following: "*Provided*, that so long as the said town of Jefferson shall have a board of commissioners of the public debt, said money when collected shall be paid over to said commissioners.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1874.

CHAPTER 193.

[*Published March 16, 1874.*]

AN ACT to provide for the purchase of certain digests of Wisconsin Reports.

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

Number and price of digests to be purchased SECTION 1. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, on behalf of the state, from James Simmons, Esq., of Walworth county, two hundred and fifty copies of the second volume of said Simmons' Digest of Wisconsin Reports, at five dollars and fifty cents per volume: *provided*, that said copies shall be of good material, well printed, and bound in good and substantial law binding, uniform with the first volume.

Distribution. SECTION 2. The copies so purchased shall be delivered to the secretary of state at Madison, within two months after the publication thereof shall be completed, and shall be distributed and disposed of by him in the same manner as is now provided by law for the distribution and disposal of the volumes of supreme court reports.

SECTION 3. Upon receipt of said two hundred and fifty copies of said digest, composed of such materials, and so printed and bound as provided by section one of this act, the account therefor, at the price aforesaid, shall be audited by the secretary of state, and paid by the state treasurer upon the warrant of said secretary of state, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. There is also hereby appropriated to the state librarian out of any money belonging to the gen-

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eral fund not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred dollars, to be expended by him under the direction of the chief justice of the supreme court, in completing as near as may be, the English reports in said library, and in purchasing such other English law books as such chief justice shall deem necessary.

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

Approved March 10, 1874.

CHAPTER 194.

[*Published March 23, 1874.*]

AN ACT to amend section ten of chapter one hundred and thirty two of the revised statutes of 1858, relating to verdicts and exceptions.

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

SECTION 1. Section ten (10) of chapter one hundred and thirty-two (132) of the revised statutes of 1858 is hereby amended so as to read as follows: A general verdict is that by which the jury pronounce generally upon all or any of the issues either in favor of the plaintiff or defendant. A special verdict is that by which the jury find the facts only, leaving the judgment to the court. In all civil cases the court shall, at the request of any party, direct the jury to find a special verdict: *provided*, that such request be made before the court commences to charge the jury. Such special verdict shall be in writing and shall be filed with the clerk and entered upon the minutes.

Defining general and special verdicts.

SECTION 2. In actions hereafter tried, either party may, at any time before the close of the term of court at which the action is tried, except to any part of the judge's charge to the jury, and such exceptions may be incorporated into the bill of exceptions and reviewed the same as if made before the jury retires.

Exceptions.

SECTION 3. All laws contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 10, 1874.