

son why such conveyance is void opposite each tract, duly verified, the said commissioners may in their discretion, and if they shall deem such reason sufficient, convey to said county in the usual manner, all the lands described in said list.

Price to be charged therefor.

SECTION 3. Upon the completion of such conveyance, the county of Marathon shall be charged at the rate of fifty cents per acre with interest at seven per cent up to the time of re-conveyance, for all lands so conveyed, and the amount so charged shall be included in the apportionment of state tax to said county for the ensuing year.

Purchase money to be refunded.

SECTION 4. Wherever any such lands have been conveyed by the state to other parties, said commissioners are hereby authorized to refund the purchase money paid for such land with interest at seven per cent, and there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient for such purpose.

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

Approved February 21, 1873.

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## CHAPTER 43.

[Published February 24, 1874.]

AN ACT relating to the collection of statistics from towns, villages, cities and counties.

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

County clerks may send messenger.

SECTION 1. Whenever any town, village or city clerk shall fail in any year to return to the county clerk, within the time fixed by law, the statement required by section one of chapter 150, of the general laws of 1872, it shall be the duty of the county clerk of the county, to send a messenger to such town, village or city, so delinquent, to procure the statement required by said act; said messenger shall be entitled to a compensation of \$3.00 per day, and to a traveling fee of 10 cents per mile for the distance necessarily traveled in the discharge of such duty; and such compensation shall be paid from the county treasury, and the chairman and clerk shall issue an order for the amount, and said amount shall be charged to the town, village or

Compensation.

Chargeable to the town.

city so delinquent, and shall be certified to the clerk of such town, village or city by the county clerk as a special county tax to be raised therein, at the time of making the annual apportionment of taxes in November in each year.

SECTION 2. Whenever the county clerk of any county shall fail to discharge the duty required by section 2 of chapter 150, of the general laws of 1872, before the first day of April in any year, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state to dispatch a messenger to such county to procure the statistics required by such section; and such messenger shall be entitled to a compensation of \$5.00 per day for such services, and a traveling fee of ten cents per mile for actual travel in the discharge of such duties; and such compensation shall be made by drawing a warrant, by the secretary of state, on the state treasury, for the amount, and said secretary shall certify such amount to the county clerk of the county so delinquent, at the time of certifying to the state tax necessary to be raised in such county; and said amount shall be a special state tax against such county, and shall be collected and returned in the same manner that other state taxes are collected and paid into the state treasury.

Secretary of state may send messenger.

Compensation.

Chargeable to the county.

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

Approved February 21, 1874.

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## CHAPTER 44.

[Published February 24, 1874.]

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of 1873, entitled "an act to amend chapter one hundred and fifteen of the general laws of 1869, entitled an act in relation to the courts of the county of Milwaukee."

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and forty-eight of the laws of 1873, entitled an act to amend chapter one hundred and fifteen of the general laws of 1869, entitled an act in relation to the courts of the county of Milwaukee, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the general laws of 1869,

Acts relating to courts of Milwaukee county amended.