

ACTS

OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF WISCONSIN.

No. 1.

AN ACT to authorize the legislative assembly to punish for contempt, and to privilege the members from arrest.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin, that each* Contempt, how punishable.
house of the legislative assembly shall have authority to punish, by fine and imprisonment, every person, not a member, who shall be guilty of disrespect, by any disorderly or contemptuous behavior in its presence; Fine and imprisonment.
or who, in any place where the legislative assembly is in session, shall threaten harm to the body or estate of any of its members, for anything said or done in the said assembly, or who shall assault or arrest any witness, or other person, going or returning; or who shall rescue any person arrested by order of either house of the assembly. And a majority of two-thirds of either house may expel a member of its own body: *provided always, that the council shall have cognizance only of offences committed as aforesaid against the council, and the house of representatives shall have cognizance only of offences committed as aforesaid against the house of representatives; and provided, further, that the fine shall not exceed two hundred dollars, and the imprisonment shall not exceed forty-eight hours for any one offence.*

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted, That the* Privileges of members.
members of the council and house of representatives

shall be privileged from arrest in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, during their attendance at the session of their respective houses; and in going to and returning from the same, and from being questioned in any other place, for any speech or debate in either house.

SECTION 3. This act to take effect and be in full force from and after the time of its passage.

P. H. ENGLE,

Speaker of the house of representatives.

HENRY S. BAIRD,

President of the council.

H. DODGE.

Approved, Nov. 12, 1836.

No. 2.

AN ACT to establish the judicial districts of the territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, by an act of congress, approved on the 20th day of April, 1836, entitled "an act to establish the territorial government of Wisconsin," it is provided that the territory of Wisconsin shall be divided into three judicial districts: therefore,

Judicial districts.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the council and house of representatives of the territory of Wisconsin*, that the counties of Crawford and Iowa, shall constitute the first judicial district; that the counties of Dubuque and Des Moines, shall constitute the second judicial district and that the counties of Brown and Milwaukee, shall constitute the third judicial district.

How judges assigned to districts.

SECTION 2. That Charles Dunn, chief justice of the supreme court of the territory of Wisconsin, shall perform district duties in the first judicial district; that David Irvin, associate judge of said court, shall perform district duties in the second judicial district; and that William C. Frazer, associate judge of said court, shall perform district duties in the third judicial district.

Vacancy, how filled.

SECTION 3. That in case of a vacancy in either of the districts aforesaid, by death, resignation or other-