

in the county courts, as fully and to all intents and purposes whatever, as to judgments, writs of executions, and proceedings in the circuit courts; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

§ 2. This act shall be published and take effect upon its passage.

Approved, March 11, 1854.

Chap. 32.

AN ACT to appropriate money for the construction of the South Wing of the State Prison, to authorize further letting of contracts, and to provide for rewarding convicts.

Published, March 30, 1854.

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

Appropriation.] § 1. The sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of the south wing of the state prison, to be drawn and paid to the contractors as hereinafter provided.

Work let to lowest bidder. § 2. The state prison commissioner is hereby required to proceed to let to the lowest and best bidder the work which is not already under contract for the completion of the south wing of the state prison, to be made fireproof, by advertising at least fifteen days in the Madison Argus and Democrat, and the Milwaukee Sentinel, and Wisconsin, requiring the bidders to offer a certain price per day for all the convict labor at the disposal of the state, to be used on said work, and requiring the work to be finished on or before the first day of January, A. D. 1855; the bidders or contractors to be required to give good and sufficient sureties.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the state prison commissioner, on the last Tuesday of March, 1854, and upon the

same day of each and every alternate month thereafter, to estimate the amount of labor done, and material furnished by the contractor or contractors towards the building of the south wing of the state prison, and he shall thereupon make certified statements of the same, one copy of which shall be given to the contractors, one retained and filed with said commissioner, and one transmitted to the governor, to be filed in the executive department, which certificates shall specify fully the kind and quantity of labor done, the price and value of the same as provided by the contracts, and the kind and quantity of material furnished, the price and value of the same as agreed upon in the contracts; from which amount shall be deducted the amount then due the state by the terms of such contracts, for convict and other labor and material furnished, and from the balance shall be deducted twenty per cent. of each estimate to be retained by the state as security, until the completion of the work, at which time the said twenty per cent. shall be due and payable, as herein provided for other payments.

Duty of State Prison Commissioner to estimate amount of work done.

§ 4. The governor shall within thirty days after the presentation or receipt of the estimates of the commissioner aforesaid, draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount thereof due, as above provided, and pay the same to the contractors. *Provided*, That the said appropriation shall be paid to the contractors *pro rata*, in proportion to the aggregate amount of their contracts as estimated by the state prison commissioner; *And provided further*, That no more shall be paid to said contractors than appears to be due upon their estimates, after all the deductions are made, which are provided for by section three of this act.

Governor to draw warrant on State Treasurer.

Provisoes.

§ 5. All material and labor for the use of said building shall become the property of the state as soon as estimated, and shall be in the care and control of the state prison commissioner, who shall require the same to be used by said contractors for the use of said building, and for no other purpose.

Material and labor to become the property of the state.

§ 6. The said contractors are hereby authorized to offer a reward, through the commissioner, to convicts, for work which they may be willing to do over an amount that the said contractors may be willing to accept of the state as a day's work, and it shall be the duty of the state prison commissioner to receive any such money and credit the

Rewards for over work.

Commissioner
not to pay money
to convicts during
time of confine-
ment.

amount to the several convicts to whom it may belong, on a book kept for that purpose, which amount he shall pay over to each convict at the expiration of his term of confinement, or remit the same to their families or friends if they desire to have it done, and in case there shall remain in the commissioner's hands at the expiration of his term of office any money or moneys which is the property of convicts, the said commissioner shall pay such money or moneys to his successor, whose duty it shall be to keep and disburse the same as hereinbefore provided, and the said commissioner and his sureties shall be held accountable for moneys so received in the same manner that they would be, provided the said money was the property of the state, but in no case shall the said commissioner pay any money to convicts during their time of confinement.

Approved, March 11, 1854.

Chap. 33.

AN ACT to amend Chapter 128 of the Revised Statutes.

Published, April 8, 1854.

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

State tax shall
not exceed \$1 on
such judgment.

§ 1. That whenever judgments shall be entered against insolvent debtors pursuant to section twenty-one of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the revised statutes, the state tax thereon shall not exceed on all of such judgments the sum of one dollar, and the clerk's fees on such judgments and discharging the same pursuant to said chapter shall not exceed five dollars.

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

Approved, March 16, 1854.