

reports required by the first section of this act, and he shall also transmit a copy of the same to the Commissioner of patents.

§ 6. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 5, 1857.

### Chap. 53.

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AN ACT to appropriate certain sums of money to the Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb.

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

§ 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Deaf and Dumb the sum of twelve thousand dollars for the support of said Institution during the current year. Appropriation for current year.

§ 2. There is hereby in like manner appropriated to the said Institution the further sum of four thousand five hundred dollars for the purpose of improving the grounds belonging to the Institution, purchase another piece of land, building fences, shops and out buildings and for the general improvement of the premises. For improvements.

§ 3. There is hereby in like manner appropriated to said Institution the further sum of three thousand dollars for the purpose of liquidating the debts now existing against the Institution. For liquidating debts.

§ 4. There is hereby in like manner appropriated to said Institution the further sum of fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose of putting up and finishing off the main or center building of the Institution according to the plan now on file with the Governor of this State. Which sum of fifteen thousand dollars shall be paid the present year out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. For completing central building.

§ 5. Before the receipt of the respective sums of money appropriated by this act, the Board of Trustees Board of Trustees to give bonds.

of said Institution shall from time to time execute such bonds and with such sureties as the Governor may require and approve, conditional for the faithful application of such moneys to the objects specified in this act.

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

Approved, March 5, 1857.

## Chap. 54.

Published, March 19, 1857.

AN ACT to prevent trespasses on the swamp and overflowed lands in this State.

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

Gov. to cause survey.

§ 1. The Governor of the State is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be surveyed the Islands in the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers, and the unsurveyed lands adjacent to said rivers, belonging to this State, granted by act of Congress, approved 25th September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty, entitled "an act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," and to do all other things he may deem necessary to obtain from the United States the patents for the lands situated in such islands belonging to this State.

Statute revived.

§ 2. Sections three, four, five, six, seven, eight and nine of chapter eighty-four of the Session Laws of A. D. 1855, are hereby revived and declared in full force and effect.

Parol testimony admitted.

§ 3. In all prosecutions, actions and suits brought under the provisions of this act, for trespasses committed on any of the swamp and overflowed lands granted to this State by the act of Congress aforesaid, whether said lands be surveyed or unsurveyed, or whether said lands have been selected and patented to this State or remain unselected and unpatented to this State, parol testimony may and shall be admitted to prove such lands, swamp and overflowed lands, made unfit thereby