

itemized bill of the same shall be filed by the state superintendent of public property in the office of the secretary of state, and upon the filing of such itemized bill, the secretary of state shall draw his warrant upon the state treasurer for the amount of the same in favor of the person from whom the purchase is made.

Appropriation.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, belonging to the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to purchase the stationery necessary for the use of the state officers and the legislature for the ensuing year; *provided, however*, that in no case shall the amount hereby appropriated exceed the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500).

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

Approved March 13, 1876.

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## CHAPTER 403.

[Published April 4, 1876.]

AN ACT to provide for the numbering consecutively of instruments or writings offered for record or to be filed in the office of register of deeds.

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

Registers of deeds to make estimate of number of instruments in his office.

SECTION 1. Every register of deeds shall, within three months from the passage and publication of this act, make an approximate estimate of the total number of instruments or writings on record or on file in his office. He shall then add to that number a number sufficient to make the sum of the two numbers, beyond all doubt, greater than the total number of instruments or writings on record or file in his office, which said number thus obtained (*viz:* the sum of the two numbers above mentioned), shall be used as shall be provided for by section two of this act, for commencing the numbering of instruments and writings offered for record or to be filed in the office of register of deeds.

Instruments recorded to be numbered consecutively.

SECTION 2. As soon as the register of deeds shall have ascertained the number which, in accordance

with section one of this act, it is his duty to ascertain, he shall affix the said number to the first instrument, which shall be offered for record or file. He shall affix the said numbers plainly upon the top of the back of the said instrument when folded, and shall affix it immediately upon the receipt of said instrument or writing, and he shall in like manner affix to each instrument or writing thereafter presented for record or file a number consecutive to the number affixed to the last instrument.

SECTION 3. Whenever the time of reception of two or more instruments shall be the same, the register of deeds shall designate, upon the instrument and in the indexes, by a co-efficient letter, thus: 169 A, 170 B, 171 C, etc., that the instruments thus numbered and designated were received for record at the same time.

When two or more instruments received at the same time.

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

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## CHAPTER 404.

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AN ACT to amend certain sections of chapter thirteen, of the revised statutes, entitled, of "Of county and county officers."

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and forty-two, of chapter thirteen, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Every register of deeds shall keep a general index, each page of which shall be divided into nine columns, with heads to the respective columns as follows, to-wit:

Amended.

Form of general index to be kept by register of deeds.

Number of instrument.	Time of reception.	Name of grantor.	Name of grantee.	Description of land.
	Name of instrument.	Vol. and page where recorded.	To whom delivered.	Fees received.