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[No. 41]

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE THANKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOUISIANA TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the thanks of the General Assembly be and are hereby tendered to the chairman and members of the Board of Registration (said board being created by an ordinance of the late constitutional convention) for the faithful, energetic and judicious manner in which they have discharged the duties and responsibilities imposed upon them.

Be it further resolved, etc., That the loyal people of this State are greatly indebted to said board for its efficient aid in the important work of establishing a civil government for the State, based upon the political and civil equality of all men irrespective of race or color.

Adopted in General Assembly in the city of New Orleans, this twenty-second day of August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved August 29, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 42.]

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT AND THE AMENDMENT THERETO, CONCERNING THE TOWN OF BASTROP, IN THE PARISH OF MOREHOUSE.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, in General Assembly convened*, That section second of an act entitled an act concerning the town of Bastrop, in the parish of Morehouse, approved March 12, 1860, and the amendment thereto, approved March 9, 1861, be further amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows, viz:

That the trustees of said town shall have the power to assess such an amount of taxes as they may deem proper, not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars per annum, to be collected in the usual manner, and that all property situated within the limits of the present corporation of one mile square (upon which the State levies a tax) shall be subject to taxation by said corporation.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the trustees of said town shall have authority to elect a street commissioner, whose duty shall be defined and salary fixed by said Board of Trustees.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That all laws or parts of laws conflicting herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved August 29, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEORGE E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 43]

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOW OF THOMAS A. MONTAGUE.

WHEREAS, The widow of Thomas A. Montague is in destitute circumstances on account of the death of said Thomas A. Montague, a pilot, who has lost his life by the burning of the steamer Fashion while heroically endeavoring to preserve the lives of her passengers,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid annually from the treasury of the State to the widow of Thomas A. Montague, during the said widow, countersigned by the auditor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; the first warrant to be drawn on the passage of this act, and the further warrants to be drawn during the months of January of each succeeding year.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved August 29, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No 44.]

AN ACT APPROPRIATING ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE PAY OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM OF THE MEMBERS, AND PER DIEM OF EMPLOYES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE SAME.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money now in the treasury, or that may hereafter come in, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of paying the mileage and per diem of members of the General Assembly, the per diem of employés, and the strictly contingent expenses thereof, not including bills for printing, publishing or advertising.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved August 29, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 45.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the secretary of state of the State of Louisiana be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths in all cases where it is legal to do so under the laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHARLES W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 1, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEORGE E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 46]

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO TRANSFER ALL THE CAUSES NOW PENDING BEFORE THE COURTS OF THE STATE, UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR, TO THE COURTS CREATED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT."

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the first section of the act entitled "an act to transfer all causes now pending before the courts of the State, under the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, to the courts created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight," be and the same are hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read: "That the records, dockets, books and papers in any of the district courts of New Orleans under the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall be removed to the several district courts created for the said parish of Orleans by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, in the following manner, to-wit: Those in the First District Court of New Orleans to the First District Court created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; those in the Second District Court of New Orleans to the Second District Court of said parish, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; those in the Third District Court of New Orleans to the Seventh District Court for the parish of Orleans created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, except the records of appeals from justices of the peace, which last mentioned are hereby transferred to the Third District Court for the parish of Orleans, under the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; those in the Fourth District Court of New Orleans to the Fourth District Court of the parish of Orleans, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; those of the Fifth District Court of New Orleans to the Fifth District Court for the parish of Orleans, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight; those of the Sixth District Court of New Orleans to the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, except as follows: And it is accordingly provided all succession and probate causes undisposed of and now pending before the district courts of New Orleans, or any one of them, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two and one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, shall be removed to the Second District Court for the parish of Orleans, created by the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the said Second District Court shall have and maintain jurisdiction over the same, to the full extent as though the said case had originally been instituted in said Second District for the parish of Orleans.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect immediately after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 3, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 47.]

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE AND THE DISPATCH OF BUSINESS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF NEW ORLEANS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That except the First and Second District Courts, the district courts of New Orleans shall be opened at ten o'clock, A. M., and shall remain open until three o'clock, P. M., on all legal days except from Christmas to the second of January, from the first Monday of November to the fourth of July; *Provided*, That when all the business of the day is concluded, said courts may adjourn before three o'clock.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That six cases, and no more, except promissory note cases, shall be fixed for each day, and no case not taken up in its turn shall be continued, nor witnesses discharged by the judge, before three o'clock.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That no case shall be continued over to a particular day in preference to cases fixed for that day, but if not concluded on the day of trial it shall be continued in its order to the first day on which there are no cases fixed. Cases may be fixed for or continued to any day—to be taken up after the cases fixed for that day. Jury cases shall not be governed by this section.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That all cases when continued shall be placed at the foot of the docket, except such as may not be reached or concluded on the day fixed for trial for want of time. Cases not reached or concluded shall be refixed for the first day or days upon which no cases are fixed for trial, and in their order.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That when a case is at issue either party shall have the right, upon suggesting to the judge that he fears that he may be deprived of the testimony of his witnesses by delay, death, or other accident, to obtain an order either in open court or in chamber, to have the testimony of said witnesses reduced to writing by the clerk after notice to the opposite party or his attorney, reserving to each party the right to except to any questions or answers, and such exceptions shall be written out with the testimony and inclosed in brackets, and the testimony and exceptions thus taken shall be arranged and used on the trial.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That judges shall not allow counsel to consume time unnecessarily when the question is plain and they are satisfied that there is no need of further argument or authority.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That cases shall be tried in their order; there shall be no preference cases, except State and city cases, promissory note cases and injunction cases against executory process and witness of *fieri facias*, which shall be placed as soon as they are at issue on one trial or called docket, to be called the summary docket, and shall be called in their order; all other cases shall be placed as soon as at issue on another trial or call docket, to be called the ordinary docket, and shall be called in their order, and over cases not reached shall be placed at the foot of the docket, and as each case is called and fixed the clerk shall, before calling the next case, announce in an audible voice the day on which it is fixed for trial, and at the next calling shall commence with the next case on the docket following that last called on the previous calling. Clerk shall not fix, nor refix cases without calling them in a loud and audible voice, and shall fix those only which he is directed to fix by counsel present, except those cases which have been already called and fixed, but which, for want of time, were not reached or concluded, which cases shall be reassigned as above, provided without being again called all cases called and not fixed shall be placed immediately at the foot of the docket in the order in which they stood before and shall be again called when they are reached, and not before. Any clerk or deputy clerk who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction by a rule taken by any one interested before the judge of the court, be fined fifty dollars for the first offense, to be paid to the plaintiff in rule, and for the second offense he shall be suspended from office by the judge.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 3, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 48.]

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLYING THE LOSS OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS, AND OTHER PAPERS CONSUMED BY THE BURNING OF THE COURTHOUSE IN THE PARISH OF WINN, DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1868.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That hereafter any person desiring to establish any deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or any writing whatsoever, which was of record, or deposited in any office of the parish of Winn, and destroyed by the burning of the courthouse in February, 1868, may have the same established by applying to the judge of the district, or to the parish judge, when the value of the property does not exceed five hundred dollars; the title to which is sought to be established, or the obligation sought to be established, does not exceed five hundred dollars, exclusive of interests, by petition setting forth the contents, and description of the deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or any writing whatsoever, which he, she, or they may wish to establish with as much specific certainty as possible; which petition must be served on the maker or other party or parties in interest of the said maker, or other party or parties in interest, residing in the parish of Winn; but if the said party or parties in interest reside out of the State, it shall be set forth by the petition, and in case brought before the district judge, the district judge, or in case of his absence from the parish, the parish judge, and in case brought before the parish judge, the parish judge shall appoint a curator ad hoc, for such person or persons upon whom service of citation and petition shall be made.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the parties defendant in all applications as aforesaid, shall have the usual legal delay as in other suits; but when the said party answers he shall admit the petition or deny it partially or wholly, and said denial shall be under oath, whereupon the judge shall proceed to the trial without the intervention of a jury, and upon hearing the evidence, shall decide and render judgment establishing or not such deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or other writing as the evidence proves to have existed.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That if the plaintiff or applicant make oath to the allegations of this petition, it shall be *prima facie* evidence of the existence of such deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or other writing which may be rebutted by the denial, under oath, of the defendant, provided that the only issue to be raised shall be the existence or non-existence, registry or non-registry and date of the document or instrument of writing in controversy, and sought to be established.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the costs incurred in suits to establish instruments of writing by this act shall be paid by the plaintiff, if no opposition be made; and if opposition be made it shall be paid by the party cast.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That in all cases in which there are costs due the clerk, sheriff, recorder, or other officer, they shall be collected as in other cases.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the recording in the proper book in the office of the parish recorder of a copy of any judgment rendered under the provisions of this act, establishing any deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or other writing shall have the same force and effect as the recording of the original deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or other writing which was destroyed.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the registry in the recorder's office of any deed, bond, mortgage, judgment, or other writing, the original of which has been destroyed by fire, shall have the same force and effect as the original had previous to its destruction.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That in all criminal prosecutions, when bills of indictment had been found and destroyed by the burning of the courthouse of the parish of Winn aforesaid, the grand jury shall be authorized to find new bills and substitute them in the place of those destroyed; *Provided*, That in cases in which no indictment would have been had no indictment been found, the substituted indictment must be found within twelve months from the time this act goes into effect.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the judges having jurisdiction under the provisions of this act, shall have exclusive original jurisdiction in all suits brought under the provisions of this act, whether as against persons residing in or out of the parish, and they shall have power to try the cases contemplated by this act in chambers.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the provisions of this act shall not extend beyond the first day of January, 1875; *Provided*, That this limitation shall not apply to applications made and not decided within that time.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 3, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 49]

AN ACT FIXING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE DISTRICT COURTS IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA, COMPRISING THE PARISHES OF RAPIDES, NATCHITOCHES, SABINE, AND WINN.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the time of holding the terms of the courts in the parishes of Rapides, Natchitoches, Sabine and Winn shall be as follows:

Parish of Rapides, first Monday of May and the first Monday of November.

Parish of Natchitoches, first Monday of December and the first Monday of June.

Parish of Sabine, first Monday of January and the first Monday of September.

Parish of Winn, first Monday of April and the first Monday of October.

Provided, That should it ever occur that the first day of any term of any court as fixed in this act is a day of public rest, then in such case, it shall be the duty of the judge of such court to begin the session thereof on the next lawful day.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 3, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No 50]

AN ACT TO REGULATE APPEALS IN THE DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That in the Second Judicial District Court for the parish of Jefferson no execution shall issue in cases where an appeal lies until ten days, not including Sundays, after the judgment has been notified to the party cast in the suit, or until ten days, not including Sundays, after the signing of the judgment where no other notice is necessary, within which delay party may take a suspensive appeal on filing petition and appeal bond as provided by law.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That all laws and parts of laws, so far as they are inconsistent with the foregoing section, be and they are hereby revoked.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 3, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 51]

AN ACT TO ORGANIZE PARISH COURTS OF THIS STATE AND FIXING THE DUTIES OF SHERIFFS AND CLERKS, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THEIR FAILURE TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES, FIXING SEAL FOR THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT, AND PROVIDING A SALARY FOR THE PARISH JUDGES, AND GIVING THE PARISH COURT JURISDICTION OF SUITS FOR SEPARATION OF BED AND BOARD AND DIVORCE AND INTERDICTION SUITS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the parish judges of the several parishes shall hold a regular term of their respective courts every two months, except in the parish of Jefferson, the parish judge of which parish shall hold his court open daily, legal holidays only excepted, for the trial of all classes of causes of which they may have jurisdiction. That the judges of said courts shall have the right to fix the month, and day, of commencement in which said courts shall sit, and to change the time from one month to another when in their judgment the public interest may require it. That the parish courts of the several parishes shall hold a term of court each month, and shall fix the day of commencement thereof corresponding with the day of the commencement of the court in the preceding month in which said court does not hold a term, for the trial of all causes of which it may have jurisdiction, for the trial of probate causes and the disposition of such probate business as requires to be done in open court. That the parish courts may be adjourned from day to day for three days by the sheriff of the parish, in the event of the absence or sickness of the judge, and for any cause that may to the parish judge seem sufficient, he may adjourn any term of his court for one week or less from the day of its regular commencement. That if the District Court of any parish should be in session at the regular time of holding any parish court, it shall be discretionary with the parish judge of such parish to hold his court or not, during the time the District Court is in session, except in the parish of Jefferson.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the police jury of each parish, or any officer or officers that may hereafter exercise the proper authority in any parish, shall designate the house, room or place of holding the parish court, and if the same should also be designated for the holding of the District Court, in the event of the sessions of the two courts coming on at the same time or running into each other, the District Court shall have preference, and the parish court shall give way to the District Court, except in the parish of Jefferson, in which parish the parish court shall be held in the courthouse in a separate room from the District Court.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the sheriffs of the several parishes in this State shall attend, by themselves, or by their regularly appointed and qualified deputies, all sittings and terms of the parish courts, and shall obey and execute all legal orders of the parish judge. The failure of the sheriff of any parish to attend by himself or deputy, as aforesaid, shall subject him to a fine of twenty-five dollars for every day, or fraction of a day he may be absent, to be assessed by the parish judge, and entered on the minutes of such court, and to be executed by any coroner or constable of such parish, or an execution issued on such order by the clerk or judge of such court, and that when such fine is once assessed and entered on the minutes of such court, it shall not be competent or legal for the judge to remit it.

And if any such sheriff or his deputy in attendance on a term of the parish court shall fail or refuse to execute any legal order of the judge, he shall be held to be in contempt of court and by the order thereof, imprisoned in the jail of the parish not exceeding ten days, and fined not exceeding one hundred dollars for each contempt, which order of fine and imprisonment shall be entered on the minutes of such court, and the order of the court to imprison and collect the fine shall be executed by the coroner or any constable of such parish, on a warrant issued by the judge or clerk of such court, and it shall not be competent for the judge to remit either the fine or imprisonment after the same has been entered on the minutes.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the clerks of the several district courts of this State shall be ex-officio clerks of the parish courts, and that the clerk, or his regularly appointed and qualified deputy, shall always be in attendance on the parish court at all its terms and sittings. That the clerks of the district courts of the several parishes shall keep in separate bound books, prepared for the purpose, three dockets for the parish courts, one for probate suits, one for ordinary civil suits, and one for criminal cases, cognizable in the parish courts; and at each term of the parish courts for the trial of all classes of causes of which such courts may have jurisdiction, the clerk of each parish shall prepare for the use of said court duplicate abstracts from each dockets of all causes undisposed of, with an abstract of all rules and orders made in each of such causes at any previous term of court, and at the time of the parish court at which probate cases only are to be tried, the clerk shall prepare for the parish courts duplicate abstracts of all probate causes undisposed of, with an abstract of all rules and orders made at any previous time of the parish court. The failure of the clerk to attend such parish court by himself or deputy as aforesaid, and to have such dockets and abstracts prepared and ready at the commencement of each term of court, as is herein required, such clerk shall be subject to a fine of twenty-five dollars per day, or any fraction of a day he may be in delay, which fine shall be entered on the minutes of the court, and be collected by execution issued by the judge to the sheriff of such parish. That the clerk or his deputy, as aforesaid, whilst in attendance on the parish courts as aforesaid, shall obey all legal orders of the judge, and a failure or refusal to obey or execute any legal order of the judge shall be a contempt of court, and the judge may, for such contempt, fine such clerk, or his deputy, in the sum of one hundred dollars and order him to be imprisoned in the jail of such parish not exceeding ten days, which fine, or order of imprisonment, or both, shall be entered on the minutes of the court, and shall be executed by the sheriff of such parish on the written order of the judge; and after the fine and written order of imprisonment provided by this section are entered on the minutes of court, it shall not be legal for the judge to remit the same, or any part of them.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the clerks of the courts in each parish shall obtain a seal, to be paid for by the parish, which shall contain the vignette of the State seal, with the words, "Seal of the clerk of the parish of ——," which seal shall be used by the clerk of such parish to seal all papers issued by him requiring a seal.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That suits for separation from bed and board and divorce, where there is no monied demand exceeding five hundred dollars set up by the plaintiff, and suits for interdiction, may be brought in the parish courts, and that parish judges may act in the emancipation of minors.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the clerks of the district courts of the several parishes shall, on the passage of this act, transfer to the docket to be provided for the parish courts of the several parishes, according to the provisions of this act, all causes now pending and on file in the district courts of their several parishes, which fall under the jurisdiction of the parish courts, according to the Constitution of the State and this act; and the parish court shall try and determine the same, and make all orders therein that may be legal and proper, and the clerk of the district court shall issue all executions and writs or orders of any kind in all cases previously decided in the district courts of this State for any legal purpose whatever.

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the district judges of the several districts of this State shall, in the absence of the parish judges from their respective parishes, or when the parish judge is interested, or from any cause cannot act, grant all orders of any and every kind in cases of any kind in the parish courts which might be granted by the parish judge if not absent or recused, which absence or recusation must be made to appear by the affidavit of the party or his attorney who applies for such order.

SEC. 9. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That the parish judges shall have a salary, payable quarterly on their own warrant on the State treasurer, graduated as follows: In parishes having one member in the House of Representatives, of two thousand dollars; in parishes having two or more members in the House of Representatives, twenty-five hundred dollars, and they shall have no fees of office.

SEC. 10. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 11. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 4, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. POVEE,

[No. 52.]

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS TO PROCURE THE LOAN OF MONEY TO MEET ITS CURRENT EXPENSES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the mayor and Common Council of the city of New Orleans be and they are hereby authorized to borrow such sum of money not to exceed one million of dollars at such interest not to exceed ten per cent., and for such time as they shall prescribe for the purpose of enabling them to meet the current expenses of the city and pay the employés thereof, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 5, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

[No. 53.]

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the following sums be and they are hereby appropriated for the following purposes:

For contingent expenses and hire of clerks and employés of the executive, five thousand dollars ($5000); auditor, five thousand dollars ($5000); treasurer, three thousand dollars ($3000); attorney general, one thousand dollars ($1000); secretary of state, two thousand dollars ($2000); printing and advertising, fifty thousand dollars ($50,000).

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, etc.*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved September 4, 1868.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

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