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No. 16.

AN ACT

Granting Ferry Privileges to Marx Schonberg and William Murrell, their Heirs and Assigns, Across the Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the sole and exclusive right of ferriage at the crossing over the Bayou Lafourche at Donaldsonville, in the parish of Ascension, be and the same is hereby granted to Marx Schonberg and William Murrell, their heirs or assigns, for the period of twenty years, to date from the first day of May, eighteen hundred and seventy (1870): provided that no ferry nearer than one mile from said crossing shall be established on said bayou.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the ferryboat at said crossing shall be kept in readiness day and night for the conveyance of passengers and property across the said Bayou Lafourche; and the said Schonberg and Murrell, their heirs or assigns, shall be responsible for any damages occurring from their neglect or carelessness, or that of their employes, in crossing or conveying such passengers or property.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said Schonberg and Murrell shall be entitled to and receive in payment for the transportation of passengers and property across said Bayou Lafourche, not to exceed the following rates: For each footman, five cents; single horse or mule, five cents; horse or mule and rider, ten cents; beeves, each head, ten cents; carts and one horse wagons, twenty cents; carriages (two horses), thirty cents; hogs and sheep, each three cents. Double these rates may be charged after dark.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said Schonberg and Murrell, their heirs or assigns, shall pay into the treasury of the corporation of Donaldsonville, monthly, the sum of forty dollars, and the Police Jury of the parish of Ascension, and the town council of Donaldsonville, are prohibited from imposing any tax as license for the business of ferrying in said parish.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 7.

AN ACT

To provide for the Removal of the Seat of Justice of the Parish of Carroll.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the seat of justice of the parish of Carroll be and is hereby removed from the town of Floyd to such location in said parish in or near the town of Lake Providence, or within two miles of the mouth of Grant's canal, as may be selected according to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Governor is hereby authorized and required to appoint three discreet citizens of the parish of Carroll as commissioners, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable location of the seat of justice of the said parish, either in the town of Lake Providence or at some other suitable and convenient point not more than two miles from the point known as the mouth of Grant's canal, and in the vicinity of the said town of Lake Providence. The said commissioners are authorized and required to secure a title in the name and on behalf of the said parish, in and to any suitable lot of ground at the point selected by them as the parish seat of justice, not to exceed ten acres in area nor one thousand dollars in cost, upon which lot the said commissioners shall cause to be erected a court house and a parish jail, at a cost not exceeding twenty thousand dollars; provided, that the said commissioners are authorized to lease for a term of not more than two years two or more buildings for temporary use as court house and jail, to be located within the limits above defined, and to be occupied and used only until the completion of the buildings herein above named.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the said commissioners shall discharge the duties imposed upon them by this act, and assumed by them in accepting their appointment as such, within the period of twenty days from the date of their appointment and immediately report their action and the amount of indebtedness contracted by them in the name and on behalf of the parish to the Police Jury thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of removing parish records and the movables belonging to the court house, jail and several parish offices, from the town of Floyd, to the buildings leased or to be erected by the said commissioners, and the said Police Jury of the parish of Carroll are hereby authorized and required to estimate the rate of tax on all the taxable property of the parish, which will be required in order to pay all the costs of the grounds, buildings, lease and removal herein above mentioned and the said tax shall be assessed and collected in addition to and in the same manner as the present taxes are assessed and collected, and the proceeds of the said special and additional tax shall be applied exclusively and without delay to the payment of the debt or debts contracted and reported by the said commissioners in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 18.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating the office of Justice of the Peace and Constable at Frenier Station, Lake Shore, in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, There is a large, growing population in the neighborhood of Frenier Station, in the parish of St. John the Baptist, and that there is great difficulty experienced by its inhabitants to have recourse to law, for the want of a magistrate at that station; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That there be and is hereby created the office of Justice of Peace and Constable in and for said Frenier Station.

Be it further resolved, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Adopted in General Assembly, in the city of New Orleans, on the seventh day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved, March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 19.

AN ACT

Entitled an Act to Amend an Act Entitled an Act to Incorporate the Town of Covington, St. Tammany Parish.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the section second of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Covington," approved April second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, which reads as follows:

"SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That all the free white inhabitants of said town shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the town of Covington, by which name they and their successors shall be known at law, and under which name they shall be capable of suing and being sued in all courts, and in all actions whatsoever, and they may have a common seal, which may be altered at their discretion, and under the aforesaid name they shall be capable of holding and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of said corporation, and moreover the aforesaid corporation shall be capable of making all such by-laws and regulations not contrary to the provisions of this charter, or to the constitution of the State or of the United States, as shall be necessary for the police of said town, and to carry into effect the powers hereinafter granted to them, and shall be governed in the manner and form as follows," be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Be it further enacted, That all the free inhabitants of said town shall be, and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of the town of Covington, by which name they and their successors shall be known at law, and under which name they shall be capable of suing and being sued in all courts, and in all actions whatsoever; and they may have a common seal, which may be altered at their discretion, and under the aforesaid name they shall be capable of holding and conveying any estate, real or personal, for the use of said corporation; and moreover the aforesaid corporation shall be capable of making all such by-laws and regulations not contrary to the provisions of this charter, or to the constitution of the State, or of the United States, as shall be necessary for the police of said town, and to carry into effect the powers hereinafter granted to them, and shall be governed in the same manner and form as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That the fourth section of said act which reads as follows:

"SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That on the first Monday of June next, and on the following Monday of June in every succeeding year, unless the same should be altered as is hereinafter provided, for all the white free male persons above the age of twenty-one years who are and have been for the space of one year next preceeding the election residents within the limits aforesaid, are hereby authorized to meet and elect a Mayor and six Aldermen for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, who shall be called the Mayor and Aldermen for the town of Covington, but no persons shall be eligible or capable of being elected a Mayor or an Alderman as aforesaid, who is not a resident owning taxable property to the amount or value of five hundred dollars within the limits as aforesaid," be and the same is hereby amended and re enacted so as to read as follows:

That on the first Monday of June next, and on the following Monday of June in every succeeding year, and on the third Monday in March for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, unless the same should be altered as is hereinafter provided for, all the free male persons above the age of twenty-one years, who are or have been for the space of one year next preceding the election, residents within the limits aforesaid, are hereby authorized to meet and elect a Mayor and six Aldermen for the purpose hereinafter, who shall be called the Mayor and Aldermen for the town of Covington. All legal voters residing in said town, shall be eligible to hold any office in the corporation.

Be it further enacted, etc., That section seven of said act, which reads as follows:

"SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Town Council shall meet at least once in every month for the dispatch of business, and shall annually choose a fit and discreet person for the office of Treasurer of the town, who shall, previously to entering upon the duties of his office, be required to give bond in an amount to be established by the Town Council, with two securities, of whose sufficiency the Town Council shall be the judges. A majority of the Town Council shall form a quorum to do business, but a majority of two-thirds of the whole Council shall be necessary to pass any law or ordinance. A majority of two-thirds of the Town Council shall have power to make in writing any such by-laws or regulation not contrary to the provisions of this charter or to the constitution and laws of this State or of the United States as they may deem necessary for the police and government of said town, with regard to the markets, streets, highways, or alleys therein, draining or filling up, keeping in order or improving the same, with regard to nuisances in general, which shall be removed at the expense of the owners, or in relation to the town watch and patrol. They shall have power over all ferries, wharves and bridges with the exception of the present bridge over the Bayou Falia, within their jurisdiction and may apply the proceeds to whatever purpose they may deem most necessary or proper, which has for its object the improvements of the said town. They shall have full control over the entire revenue of said town, whether arising from fines, taxes, or property belonging to said corporation. They shall [have] power to make, ordain and impose all such fines, not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, as they may deem proper for the breach of their by-laws, rules and regulations; which fines shall be recovered before the Mayor or any other Justice of the Peace or court, having cognizance thereof, in the name and for the use of said corporation, viz: The town of Covington by an attorney to be employed by the Town Council. The Town Council shall have power to impose all such taxes, not to exceed fifty per cent on the State tax, upon all property taxed by the State, which is to be found in their jurisdiction. The Town Council shall have the power of fining the members of the board for non-attendance, adjourning to their own time and places, and passing the laws which shall govern their body," etc., be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That the Town Council shall meet at least once in every month, for the dispatch of business, and shall annually choose a fit and discreet person for the office of treasurer of the town, who shall, previously to entering upon the duties of his office, be required to give bond in an amount to be established by the Town Council, with two securities, of whose sufficiency the Town Council shall be the judges. A majority of the Town Council shall form a quorum to do business, but a majority of two-thirds of the whole Council shall be necessary to pass any law or ordinance. A majority of two-thirds of the Town Council shall have power to make in writing, any any such by-law or regulations, not contrary to the provisions of this charter, or to the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States, as they may deem necessary for the police and government of said town with regard to the markets, streets, highways or alleys therein, draining or filling up, keeping in order, or improving the same, with regard to nuisances in general, which shall be removed at the expense of the owners, or in relation to the town watch and patrol. They shall have full power over all ferries, wharves and bridges, with the exception of the present bridge over the Bayou Falia, within their jurisdiction, and may apply the proceeds to whatever purpose they may deem most necessary or proper, which has for its object the improvement of the said town. They shall have full control over the entire revenue of said town, whether arising from fines, taxes or property belonging to said corporation. They shall have power to make, ordain and impose all such fines not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, as they may deem proper, for the breach of their by-laws, rules and regulations, which fine shall be recovered before the Mayor or any other Justice of the Peace, or court having cognizance thereof in the name and for the use of said corporation, viz: The town of Covington by an attorney to be employed by the Town Council; shall have power to impose all such taxes and licenses on trades, professions and occupations as are now or may be licensed by the State, not to exceed one hundred per cent on the State tax upon all property taxed by the State, which is to be found in their jurisdiction, and not to exceed one hundred per cent on the State license.

Be it further enacted, etc., That section (8) eight of said act shall read as follows:

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the powers of the Police Jury shall cease so far as respects woods and highways in said town of Covington, be amended and re-enacted so far as to read as follows:

Be it further enacted, etc., That the powers of the Police Jury shall cease so far as respects woods and highways in said town of Covington, and the imposition of a parish tax for licenses is hereby expressly prohibited.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 20.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Town of Washington, in the Parish of St. Landry, and to repeal all existing laws on the same subject matter.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the parish of St. Landry, be and they are hereby made a body corporate and politic by the name of the town of Washington, and as such can sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and shall possess the right of a common seal, and have power the same to amend, alter and change at pleasure.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the limits of the town of Washington aforesaid shall be included in the following boundaries, viz: North by Bayou Courtableau, west by Bayou Carron, northwest by the division line between the property of Mr. John Moore and Mr. Carso from one bayou to the other, and southeast by a line beginning at a point just above the old sawmill on the Bayou Courtableau, twelve hundred and twenty four feet below a granite post at the lower corner of the town, and running thence south forty-five degrees west parallel with the division between the property of Messrs. Offutt Brothers and Thomas Gardner to the Bayou Carron.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the name "Board of Police," and "President" of the same, shall be changed to that of "Town Council and Mayor" of the town of Washington.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That the present incumbents of office in said town shall continue in office under the name herein given, until the first Monday of May, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, at which time, and every two years thereafter, a Mayor and four Councilmen shall be elected by the qualified voters of the town, to hold their offices for the period of two years. Said election shall be held by a magistrate and two commissioners, appointed by the Mayor, and in the event of the death, or refusal of the Mayor to act then, and in that case the Town Council shall appoint said magistrate and commissioners to hold said election.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That the corporation of said town, under the name and style herein given, shall have perpetual succession of office, and shall have the right to buy and sell, to hold and enjoy property of any description not prohibited by law, and generally to exercise all the rights of persons in relation to property, real and personal, provided the same be for municipal purposes.

SEC. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor and Councilmen, before entering upon the discharge of the duties prescribed by this act, shall take and subscribe the oath provided for all persons holding office under the constitution and laws of this State.

SEC. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor shall be commissioned by the Governor a justice of the peace, who shall exercise civil and criminal jurisdiction. The said Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Town Council, and shall call a meeting thereof whenever he shall deem it necessary; he shall execute and sustain all laws and ordinances passed by the Council, and shall only vote when there is a tie. By virtue of his office he shall have, in order to enforce the laws and ordinances of the Council, full and exclusive authority and power to try all offenses against, or violations of the same, upon a simple rule, to show cause immediately, or at such time and place as he may judge proper, to command the Town Constable, upon a warrant and execution, signed by him in his official capacity, to execute his order or judgment, and satisfy the same by seizing and exposing for sale, with the usual formalities in ordinary cases, the property, real and personal, of the persons against whom any judgment shall by him be rendered, or by committing the offender or offenders, to jail as the case may be.

SEC. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor and Council shall, as soon as they are inducted into office, appoint the following officers, to-wit: One Constable, one Assessor, one Collector, one Treasurer, and such other officers not herein provided, as said Mayor and Council may deem necessary, to hold their offices until their successors shall be appointed, who shall take an oath faithfully to perform their duties, and shall give such bond and security as the Council by their laws may require.

SEC. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Town Council to be present at all its meetings, and under the direction of the Mayor, to keep a fair and correct journal of their proceedings, in books kept for that purpose. He shall attest all laws passed by the Mayor and Council, and signed by the Mayor. He shall file all papers belonging to them, and do and perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Mayor and Council.

SEC. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Constable shall attend the meetings of the Council, and execute such summons, warrants or orders as the Mayor, by this act, is authorized to issue, as well during the recess as during their sittings. In case of the sickness or absence of the Constable the Mayor shall appoint a suitable person to discharge the duties of the office.

SEC. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be the duty of the Assessor and Collector to assess and collect the town taxes; they and the Treasurer shall make an exhibit of their accounts whenever required to do so by the Council, and for any dereliction of duty or defalcation they, or either of them, shall be deprived of their functions, and prosecuted before any court of competent jurisdiction. The Assessors shall have the same power to assess, and the Collector the same power to collect all taxes due the corporation as the Assessor and Collector of State and parish taxes now have under existing laws, and such other powers as the Mayor and Council may determine.

SEC. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor and Council shall have power and authority to levy and collect annually such a tax on real estate as they may deem necessary for the improvement of the town, for the comfort and convenience of its inhabitants, and for maintaining a well organized police; provided said tax shall not exceed one per centum of the assessed value of all the real estate within the corporation. They shall have power to impose such a tax as they may think proper on all stores, wholesale and retail, retailers of spirituous liquors, tavern-keepers, keepers of billiard tables, grog shops, restaurants, ten pin alleys, beer, wine or cake shops, exhibitions, hawkers, pedlars, auctioneers, boarding houses, livery stables, carts, wagons, drays, and carriages running for hire, steamboats, flatboats, or other water crafts landing within the limits of the town, and on all other property, occupations, trades or professions, not enumerated above, should they deem it expedient or necessary.

SEC. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That the taxes assessed under and in pursuance of this act shall constitute a first privilege and lien on all the property so assessed, to rank next after the privilege and lien given by law for the collection of State taxes.

SEC. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council to enact from time to time such laws and ordinances, to be published in such manner as they may deem best, relative to streets, levees, landings, sidewalks, public markets, slaughterhouses, nuisances and generally to whatever may be necessary for the improvements, good order and government of the town; and for any neglect or refusal to comply with such laws and ordinances, they shall have the authority to assess a fine not exceeding fifty dollars on such person or persons so offending, and shall collect the same upon conviction, after due examinations, before the Mayor; provided, such laws and ordinances are passed in conformity with the laws of the United States and of this State.

SEC. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That all storekeepers, retailers of liquors, keepers of grog shops, taverns, billiard tables, ten-pin alleys, beer shops, wine and confectioner's shops, keepers of restaurants and exhibitions, owners of carts, wagons, drays and carriages running for hire, and all persons running the same for hire, whether they own them or not, before they shall be authorized so to do, shall first obtain a license to that effect from the Mayor, after paying the amount of such tax as the Mayor and Council may have imposed upon them by virtue of the power granted.

SEC. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor and Council shall have power to provide for the punishment of vagrants and disorderly persons who may be found in the day or night time disturbing the public peace, by fine not to exceed fifty dollars and imprisonment not to exceed forty-eight hours, and in default of paying said fine, the party shall be made to work on streets or public works of the corporation under such regulations as the Mayor and Council may direct; provided said party be allowed a reasonable price for his labor while under sentence.

SEC. 17. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Mayor shall have power to revoke any license that he may have issued by virtue of this act, where, from the disorderly, outrageous or improper conduct of the party, the peace and good order of the town may require it.

SEC. 18. Be it further enacted, etc., That whenever the owner of property in front of which a sidewalk, banquette or other walks has been ordered to be filled up or repaired, shall fail to do so within the time required by the ordinances of the Council, the said Council, through the Mayor, shall order it to be done at the expense of the proprietor of said property; that in order to secure the payment of such expenses, the corporation shall have a lien and privilege on said property, to be enforced in accordance with the laws of the State, and said lien shall entitle said corporation to be paid in preference to any other privilege or mortgage upon said property, and in case the owner of said property shall be unknown, said corporation may proceed to collect the amount in the manner pointed out in articles two hundred and ninety (290) and two hundred and ninety-one (291) of the Code of Practice. Whenever the corporation pays these expenses, it shall have the right to charge eight per cent on the amount so paid.

SEC. 19. Be it further enacted, etc., That in case of the incapacity, negligence or malfeasance of the Mayor or any member of the Council, on conviction of the same, the Governor shall declare the office or offices vacant, and forthwith make appointments to fill the unexpired terms of the offices so made vacant, and that in case of incapacity, negligence or malfeasance in office of any other officer appointed under this act, the Mayor and Council shall declare the office vacant, and forthwith make a new appointment to fill the unexpired term of such officer.

SEC. 20. Be it further enacted, etc., That in the absence of the Mayor one of the Councilmen shall be chosen to preside over its deliberations; provided, a quorum be present besides the presiding officer. In case of the sickness or absence of the Mayor, he shall appoint a Justice of the Peace residing in the town to exercise the power of the Mayor during his sickness or absence, and in default of such appointment by the Mayor, the Council shall appoint a Justice of the Peace to be invested with the aforesaid power.

SEC. 21. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and ordinances enacted by the Mayor and Council shall be promulgated by posting a copy of the same at the door of the town hall, or publishing them in one or more of the newspapers printed in the parish for ten days.

SEC. 22. Be it further enacted, etc., That an act entitled "An act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the parish of St. Landry," approved March thirty-first, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and an act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Washington, in the parish of St. Landry," approved March seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and an act entitled "An act to extend and more clearly define the powers of the Board of Police of the town of Washington, in the parish of St. Landry," approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and all other laws or parts of laws on the same subject be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC 23. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 21.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Governor of the State to negotiate with the Secretary of War for the temporary use of the United States Arsenal for the State Seminary.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to obtain from the Secretary of War of the United States, the temporary use of the arsenal ground and lands attached thereto, at Baton Rouge, for the State Seminary.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That if, in the opinion of the Governor, he deems it necessary to send to Washington City an agent to accomplish the object of this resolution, he be authorized to do so, and that the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury, or that may be hereafter paid therein, not otherwise appropriated, to pay the expenses of said agent, said amount to be paid on the warrant of the Governor.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 22.

AN ACT

To Remove the Seat of Justice of the parish Plaquemines from Pointe-a-la-Hache, on the left bank of the Mississippi, to Jesuit's Bend, on the right bank of the Mississippi river, in said parish.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the seat of justice in the parish of Plaquemines in this State be and the same is hereby removed from Pointe-a-la-Hache, on the left bank, to a place known as Jesuit's Bend, on the right bank of the Mississippi river.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Police Jury of the parish of Plaquemines shall, within sixty days from the passage of this act, select a suitable place within the limits of the seventh or eighth Police Jury ward of said parish, and are hereby authorized to remove the property now belonging to the said parish to the place aforesaid and erect suitable buildings for the use of said parish as soon as practicable thereafter.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Police Jury of said parish is hereby authorized to lay a special tax upon the taxable property of the parish aforesaid sufficient to defray all the necessary costs for erecting the buildings aforesaid.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws and parts of laws contrary to this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 23.

AN ACT

To enable the Coroner of the parish of Jefferson to appoint deputies.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the Coroner of the parish of Jefferson be and is hereby authorized to appoint one or more persons to act as his deputies.

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

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 24.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Right of Free Masonry of the State of Louisiana.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That Eugene Chassignac, Edward Marc, Louis Lois, Charles Bienvenu, Manuel Pio Avila, Placide Bienvenu and Charles Louis St. Cyr and such other persons as are "w om" [who] may become members of said Supreme Council, are hereby created and constituted, in name and fact, a body corporate and politic under the name and style of Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite of Free Masonry of the State of Louisiana, for the object and purpose of disseminating and perpetuating the Ancient and Accepted Scotch Rite of Free Masonry, the principles of which are universal charity, benevolence, religious toleration and political liberty. Said corporation shall have, under the above title, a perpetual succession of officers and members, a common seal to its use; it shall have full power to make and adopt all by-laws and regulations it may deem fit and proper for its government and for that of its branches or bodies under its jurisdiction, and to modify, amend and change the same; provided said by-laws and regulations are not contrary to the constitution and laws of this State and of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said corporation shall have full power and authority, under the above title, to receive, purchase, own, possess, dispose, alienate, and mortgage all real and personal property, and to use and enjoy the same; to institute all suits for the recovery of all sums of money that may be, or may become due, on whatever account, to said Supreme Council, or to any of its branches or bodies, under its jurisdiction, before any competent court or tribunal, to maintain before the same the rights and privileges of said Supreme Council, and of its branches or bodies under its jurisdiction, to answer all judicial demands, and to receive, accept, and take all legacies and donations, and to appropriate the same to the uses and ends of said institution. That the domicil of said corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, and all citations served on its presiding officer, the Commander, or Grand Master of said Supreme Council.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That all Lodges, Chapters, Councils and Consistories of all degrees, from the first to the thirty-second degree, inclusive, of said rite of Free Masonry already constituted, or which may hereinafter be constituted by said Supreme Council, are by the present act declared to be branches or auxiliaries of said corporation or body politic and as forming part of, the same, under whatever name, title or denomination they may be designated or known in the charters or constitutions granted to them by said Supreme Council.

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

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 25.

AN ACT

To more particularly define the jurisdiction of the Recorder's Court of the city of Shreveport, and to confer additional powers upon the Recorder of said Court.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That it was and is the intent of the act entitled an act to create a Recorder's Court in the city of Shreveport, approved March ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, that the Recorder appointed under said act shall have all the powers of a committing magistrate in all crimes, offenses and misdemeanors against the State within the limits of the city of Shreveport.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Recorder of the city of Shreveport be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint one court officer, who shall be executive officer and clerk, and shall be at all times subject to the orders of the Recorder by whom appointed.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That the court officer provided for in this act shall have the same power and authority as is by law provided for constables in the service of warrants, summons, search warrants, attachments and mittimus issued by said Recorder in offenses against the State, and shall receive the same fees for such service as is by law allowed to constables, to be paid by the city of Shreveport, and in addition thereto he shall receive a salary of four hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly out of the treasury of the city of Shreveport.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws; all ordinances or parts of ordinances contrary to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 26.

AN ACT

To amend an act entitled "An act to create the parish of Grant, and providing for the organization thereof," approved March the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the eighth section of an act entitled "An act to create the parish of Grant and providing for the organization thereof," be and the same is hereby "and be enacted" [amended and re-enacted], so as to read as follows: That it shall be the duty of the Clerks of the District Courts of the parishes of Rapides and Winn, immediately after the passage of this act, to transmit to the Clerk of the District Courts for the parish of Grant, all petitions, answers, documents and papers appertaining to suits wherein the defendant or defendants reside within the parish of Grant, and also all petitions, orders, bonds and other papers relating to successions, if the administrators thereof reside and the property of such successions be situated in the parish of Grant, and also all papers and matters relating to the tutorship of minors wherein they or a majority of them reside in the parish of Grant; copies of all such suits or papers to sue retained in the office of the clerks of the District Courts of the parishes of Rapides and Winn, and the original sent to the parish of Grant; all suits, any successions, whether judgment be rendered therein or not, are to be transmitted in accordance with this act.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That should the said clerks of the District Courts of [the] parishes of Rapides and Winn refuse or neglect to make such transfer within thirty days after the promulgation of this act, the District Judge shall, by motion made before him, fine said clerk so refusing or neglecting to transfer said suits, papers, etc., in the sum of not less than two hundred dollars, and not more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 3 Be it further enacted, etc., That all administrators, curators, executors, dative testimentary executors, tutors and all persons holding in a fiduciary capacity, shall not act in such capacity unless the majority of the heirs and value of the property remains in the parishes of Rapides and Winn, as the case may be, but where a majority of the heirs or the largest value of the property is in the limits of the parish of Grant, State of Louisiana, then there shall be a new appointment of the administrators, curators, executors, dative testamentary tutors, and all persons holding in a fiduciary capacity, with an inventory according to law, and such appointment of administrators, etc., shall be residents of the parish of Grant aforesaid,

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That all actions taken and judgment rendered therein after the passage of this act, to establish the parish of Grant, dated fourth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, shall be null and void, and consent shall not take away the jurisdiction of the court to try such causes contrary to this act, except when there is an equal number of the heirs, and value of the property is in each parish, as the case may be, then it shall be settled by the court, if the heirs disagree.

SEC. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That all laws or parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

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

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy.
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 27.

AN ACT

Entitled an act to change the venue in the prosecution now pending in the parish of Catahoula against Cuthbert B. Jones, charged with the murder of St. John Liddell to parish of Jefferson.

WHEREAS, It appears from reliable information that Charles Jones and his son William, who, together with Cuthbert B. Jones, who were in custody of the Sheriff of Catahoula parish, awaiting their examination on a charge of killing St. John Liddell, were, on the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the town of Harrisonburg, murdered by an armed band of lawless persons, the said C. B. Jones alone escaping to this city; therefore—

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That the venue in the case of the State of Louisiana vs. Charles Jones, William Jones and Cuthbert B. Jones, now pending before the Parish Judge of the said parish of Catahoula for examination on a charge of the murder of St. John Liddell, so far as it relates to the said C. B. Jones, be and the same is hereby changed to the parish of Jefferson, and this change shall be for the preliminary examination as well as the final trial; and it shall be the duty of the Parish Judge of the parish of Catahoula to transmit, without delay, to the Judge of the Parish Court of the parish of Jefferson all the papers, affidavits, list of witnesses in his possession in relation to said prosecution; and it shall be the duty of the Parish Judge of the parish of Jefferson, upon the receipt of said papers and affidavits aforesaid to examine said case, according to law.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 28.

AN ACT

Granting leave of absence to O. J. Flagg, Judge of the parish of St. Charles.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That O. J. Flagg, Parish Judge of the parish of St. Charles, be granted a leave of absence from his parish for a period of forty days, to date from September (1) first, eighteen hundred and seventy (1870).

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall go into effect on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved, March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 29.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Granting leave of absence to Hiram R. Steele, Parish Judge of Tensas parish.

SECTION 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That leave of absence be, and the same is hereby granted to Hiram R. Steele, Parish Judge of Tensas parish, for a period of sixty days, commencing the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

SEC. 2. Be it further resolved, etc., That this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage.

Adopted, in General Assembly, at the city of New Orleans, on the twelfth day of March, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy.

(Signed) MORTIMER CARR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved, March 16, 1870.
(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
GEO. E. BOVEE,
Secretary of State.

No. 30.

AN ACT

For the relief of Lacey, Marks and Butler and Samuel Friedlander.

WHEREAS, By an act of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, approved March twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven (1867), Bernard Delle Piane was authorized to sue the State of Louisiana for damages sustained through the Racourci Cutoff, and

Whereas, Suit has been commenced and tried, contradictor