

plaint and conviction, the first fine shall be doubled.

SEC. 4. The owner or owners of all bulls inspected and approved of, as above stated, shall not be required to pay any tax for the same; and when a majority of all the inspectors of the county, and they may convene annually for that purpose, shall decide upon the three best bulls, three best cows, and three best heifers, the county commissioners' court shall grant an order on the treasury of the county, to be paid out of the fines and funds of the county, fifteen, ten, and five dollars each, for the bulls, and the cows, and heifers, in like manner; but no second premium shall be granted and given for the same animal.

Owners of best bulls exempt from paying taxes thereon.

Premiums.

This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, Jan. 16, 1836.

AN ACT to re-locate the seat of Justice of Clark County. In force, Jan. 7, 1836.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That William F. Thornton, William Prentiss, and John Hendrix of Shelby county, and Charles Emmerson, and William Reddick of Macon county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to re-locate the seat of justice of Clark county.

Commissioners appointed.

SEC. 2. Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Darwin, on the 3d Monday in February 1836, or within eight days thereafter, and after taking and subscribing an oath before some justice of the peace for said county, faithfully and impartially, without fear, favor or affection, to discharge the duties assigned them by this act, shall proceed to the discharge of the same as is hereinafter directed.

When and where to meet.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, or a majority of them, to re-locate the seat of justice of said county, at such suitable point on the National Road in said county, as to them shall seem most conducive to the present and future interests, wants, convenience, and prosperity of the people of said county; taking in view its nearness to the centre of the present and probable future population of the county; its nearness to the geographical centre of the county; the timber, water, soil, and health of the adjacent country, as well as the donations that may be proposed.

To re-locate the seat of justice on National Road.

SEC. 4. Said commissioners may ask and receive from the person or persons, on whose lands they may locate the seat of justice of said county, a quantity of land as a dona-

Donations in land or money.

tion of not less than fifty acres, lying on both sides of the National Road; or if they shall deem it more conducive to the interests of the county, they may receive a donation of not less than five acres in such a shape as may be agreed upon by the owner or owners thereof, and the said commissioners; *Provided*, The person or persons making such donation in land, will secure to be paid to the county of Clark, an additional donation of one thousand five hundred dollars, one half whereof, to be paid on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and the other half on the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.

Bond for deed. SEC. 5. Said commissioners shall demand a bond for a deed, with covenants of general warranty, to the county of Clark, for the lands on which they shall make such location; which bond, together with the securities for the money, and a full report of their proceedings, they shall return to the clerk of the county commissioners' court of said county, to be by said clerk, laid before his court, at its next regular or special term thereafter.

Report to clerk. SEC. 6. Should the seat of justice when located under this act, be removed therefrom, previous to the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, the donor, or donors of the land on which such location shall be made, shall have and receive from the county of Clark, the sum of two hundred dollars.

If removed previous to 1846. SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of said county, as soon as they shall have received the report aforesaid, to cause said donation to be laid off into lots, and to dispose of the same at such times and places, and upon such terms as they shall deem best: *Provided*, The proceeds thereof, and the money that may be donated under this act, together with the court house and jail in Darwin, shall go to constitute a fund, for the erection of a court house at the new county seat, and to be applied to no other purpose whatever.

Donation to be laid off into lots. SEC. 8. Said commissioners shall receive for their services, the sum of three dollars per day each, for each day they may be necessarily employed in the discharge of the duties herein required of them; to be paid out of the county treasury of Clark county.

Proviso. SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of said commissioners, to examine as far as practicable, the whole county, and to be governed in all things, by the true interest of the same; and they shall also receive sealed proposals of donations of land and money, or either; and the county commissioners of Clark county, shall, as soon as they receive the report of the commissioners aforesaid, give a name to the

Compensation.

Commissioners duty.

place that has been selected as the county seat, and cause a plat thereof to be recorded.

SEC. 10. All courts that now are required by law to be held at Darwin, shall from and after the first day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, be held at the place selected under this act.

APPROVED, Jan. 7, 1836.

AN ACT simplifying the mode of acknowledgment of Sheriffs Deeds. In force Jan. 16, 1836.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That all deeds heretofore executed, or which may hereafter be executed by any Sheriff or other officer, for any real estate, sold on execution, upon being acknowledged or proven before any clerk of any court of record in this state, and certified under the seal of such court, shall be admitted to record in the county where the real estate sold, shall be situated.

Sheriff's deeds to be acknowledged or proved before clerk.

Admitted to record.

SEC. 2. The successor of any sheriff or other officer, shall be authorized to execute deeds for real estate sold by the predecessor, or to acknowledge any deed executed and not acknowledged by such predecessor.

Duty of successor to Sheriff.

SEC. 3. Deeds heretofore executed by officers for real estate, sold on execution, and acknowledged or proven, and certified in the manner required by law, for the acknowledgment or proof of deeds of conveyance, shall be considered as having been duly executed.

SEC. 4. All deeds executed and acknowledged, or proved, according to the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to have been duly executed, and shall be admitted as evidence, without further proof of the execution thereof.

Deeds acknowledged or proved, deemed valid.

APPROVED, Jan. 16, 1836.

AN ACT supplemental to the several acts regulating the Circuit Courts in this State. In force, Jan. 16, 1836.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the terms of the courts in the third judicial circuit shall be held at the sev-

Terms of circuit courts in third judicial circuit.