

missioners of said county, in trust for the uses of the first presbyterian church and society in Pittsfield, and such conveyance shall operate to divest the legal title, and release all claim and interest of the county in and to the said lot, and shall be effectual to the passing of the same: *Provided, however,* That neither said commissioners or the county of Pike shall be responsible for the title to said lot.

*Approved, February 27, 1841.*

An ACT to authorize the county commissioners of Christian county to borrow money.

In force, Jan. 26, 1841.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the county commissioners of Christian county are hereby authorized to borrow twenty-four hundred dollars, to pay for the building of the court house in the county aforesaid.

Amount authorized to be borrowed

Interest

SEC. 2. The commissioners are not hereby authorized to pay more than twelve per cent. interest per annum.

*Approved, January 26, 1841.*

An ACT to legalize the acts of the commissioners of Jasper county.

In force, Jan. 26, 1841.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the acts of the county commissioners of the county of Jasper, in relation to the assessment and collection of the county and State tax for the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, be, and the same are hereby legalized, and the county commissioners' court for the said county are hereby authorized to appoint a county collector, to collect the county and State tax for the year aforesaid. *Approved, January 26, 1841.*

Acts of county com'rs of Jasper valid. Collector to be appointed

An ACT declaring the town of Benton the permanent seat of justice for the county of Franklin.

In force Jan. 7, 1841.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That from and after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, the seat of justice in and for the county of Franklin, shall be deemed and held to be at the town of Benton, in said county, and all terms of the circuit court required to be held in and for said county, and sessions of the county commissioners' court which may be held after the above named date, shall be holden in the town of Benton.

Location of seat of justice

SEC. 2. It is hereby required that from and after the time specified in the first section of this act, that the public records, with all proceedings of a judicial or military charac-

Public records

ter, required to be performed at the county seat, are hereby required to be done and performed in the aforesaid seat of justice, in and for the said county of Franklin.

County officers to reside at county seat

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the circuit and county commissioners' clerks, with the sheriff of said county, in the discharge of their official transactions, to conform in all respects with the foregoing requisitions of this act, likewise all public officers required to reside at the county seat.

Monies for lots sold how applied

SEC. 4. That all monies which may have accrued from the sale of town lots in the aforesaid town of Benton, or that may hereafter accrue in virtue of any future sale of said property, is hereby expressly required to be expended in the erection of the necessary public buildings, and for no other purpose until otherwise directed by law. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, January 7, 1841.

In force Jan. 20, 1841.

An ACT to authorize the removal of the seat of justice of Adams County.

Election for removal of county seat

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That an election shall be held in the county of Adams, on the first Monday of August, eighteen hundred and forty-one, at the usual places of holding elections in said county, for the removal of the seat of justice of said county, at which election, the clerks thereof shall open two columns, one for Quincy, the other for Columbus, and shall take and record the votes of each qualified voter, for one of the aforesaid places as the seat of justice for said county. The said election shall be conducted, and the returns thereof made in the same manner as is provided in ordinary cases of the election of justices of the peace. The clerk of the county commissioners' court shall immediately after the receipt by him of the election returns, in the presence of two justices of the peace, open the election returns, compare them, and certify the same to the county commissioners' court, and the place having the greatest number of votes shall be, and remain the seat of justice in said county as hereinafter provided.

Returns of election

Duty of county commis'srs

SEC. 2. If, at such election, Columbus shall receive the greatest number of votes for said seat of justice, then it shall be the duty of the county commissioners' court of said county, without delay, to cause to be erected, purchased, or rented, suitable buildings in the town of Columbus for a court house, clerk's office, sheriff's office, and recorder's office, after which the county commissioners' court shall cause proclamation to be made and published in some public newspaper of said county, declaring and making known, that from and after a day to be therein named, not exceeding thirty days from the date thereof, the seat of justice of said county shall be and remain permanently located at Columbus.

Proclamation