

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the People
of the State of Illinois, represented
in the General Assembly, That all
that Tract of Country within the
following boundaries, To wit,
Beginning on the South line of
Crawford County where the range
line between ranges thirteen and
fourteen West strikes, the same
thence South with said ~~line~~ range
line to the South line of Lawrence
County, thence West with said
South County line to the line
dividing Lawrence and Edwards
Counties, thence North with the last
mentioned line to the South line
of Clay County, thence West with
said line to the Centre of the
little Mabarsh River, thence up
the middle of said Stream to the
mouth of the Muddy fork thereof
thence up the centre of the Muddy
fork to the line dividing Townships
number three and four, thence
east with said line to the range
line between ranges eight and nine
thence North with said range line
to the South line of Jasper County
and thence east with said line to the place
of Beginning, shall constitute

a new County to be called the
County of Richland;

Sec. 2. The County aforesaid is
constituted upon the following
conditions, The People of the Counties
of Lawrence and Clay as they are
now organized, shall meet at the
several places of holding elections
for Senator and Representatives
to the General Assembly in Said
Counties, on the ~~third~~^{first} Monday in
~~April~~^{July} next, and proceed to vote
in the same manner of voting
for Senator and Representatives to the
General Assembly, whether Said County
shall be constituted or not. The
judges of Elections in Said Counties
shall give twenty days notice of
the time and place of holding
said elections, by posting up notices
thereof at six of the most public
places in each of Said Counties
and on said day shall open a
poll book at each election precinct
in Said Counties, in which they
shall cause to be ruled two
columns in one of which they
shall set down the votes given
for the formation of Said new
County, and in the other column
the votes given against the same

and said judges shall conduct said elections and make returns thereof to the clerks of the County Commissioners Courts of Lawrence & Clay Counties as is now provided by law in the case of elections for Senators and Representatives to the General Assembly, and said returns shall be opened and counted in the same manner as required in such elections, and if a majority of all the votes given in each of said Counties at said election shall be in favour of the formation of said new County, a certificate thereof shall be made by the clerks of the County Commissioners Courts of said Counties of Lawrence and Clay under the seals of said Courts, and transmitted by them to the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois to be filed in his office as evidence of the formation of said County of Richland, and said clerks shall make a like certificate to be filed in their respective offices, which shall be made a matter of record at the next succeeding term of the County Commissioners Court of each of said Counties

Which certificates shall be sufficient to prove the facts therein stated. After which said county shall be one of the counties of the State of Illinois

Sec. 3. If said County of Richland shall be constituted as aforesaid the legal voters of said County shall meet on the third Monday of June next, at the several places of holding elections in said new County, and vote for the place where the county seat of said County shall be located on which day persons proposing to make donations for the several places proposed to be voted for shall file with the judges of elections of the several election precincts in said new County their written propositions which shall not be for less than ten acres of land at the place the seat of justice shall be located - and upon the person or persons offering the donation at the place receiving the greatest number of votes making to the said County of Richland a good and sufficient conveyance for

the donation proposed to be given
such place shall be the permanent
seat of Justice for said county,
and said donation shall be
disposed of by the County Commissioners
of said county in such manner
as they may think proper, reserving
necessary public grounds, and
the proceeds arising from said
donation shall be exclusively
used for the erection of public
buildings in said county.

Sec 4 Should said county of
Richland be constituted according
to the provisions of this act
said county shall on the first
Monday of August next elect
all County officers for said
county, to be commissioned and
qualified as in other cases.

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~~May be disposed of in the manner
the County Commissioners Court of
said County shall deem proper
the proceeds thereof to be applied
by said County Commissioners and
their Successors in office to the erection
of Public buildings in said
County exclusively.~~

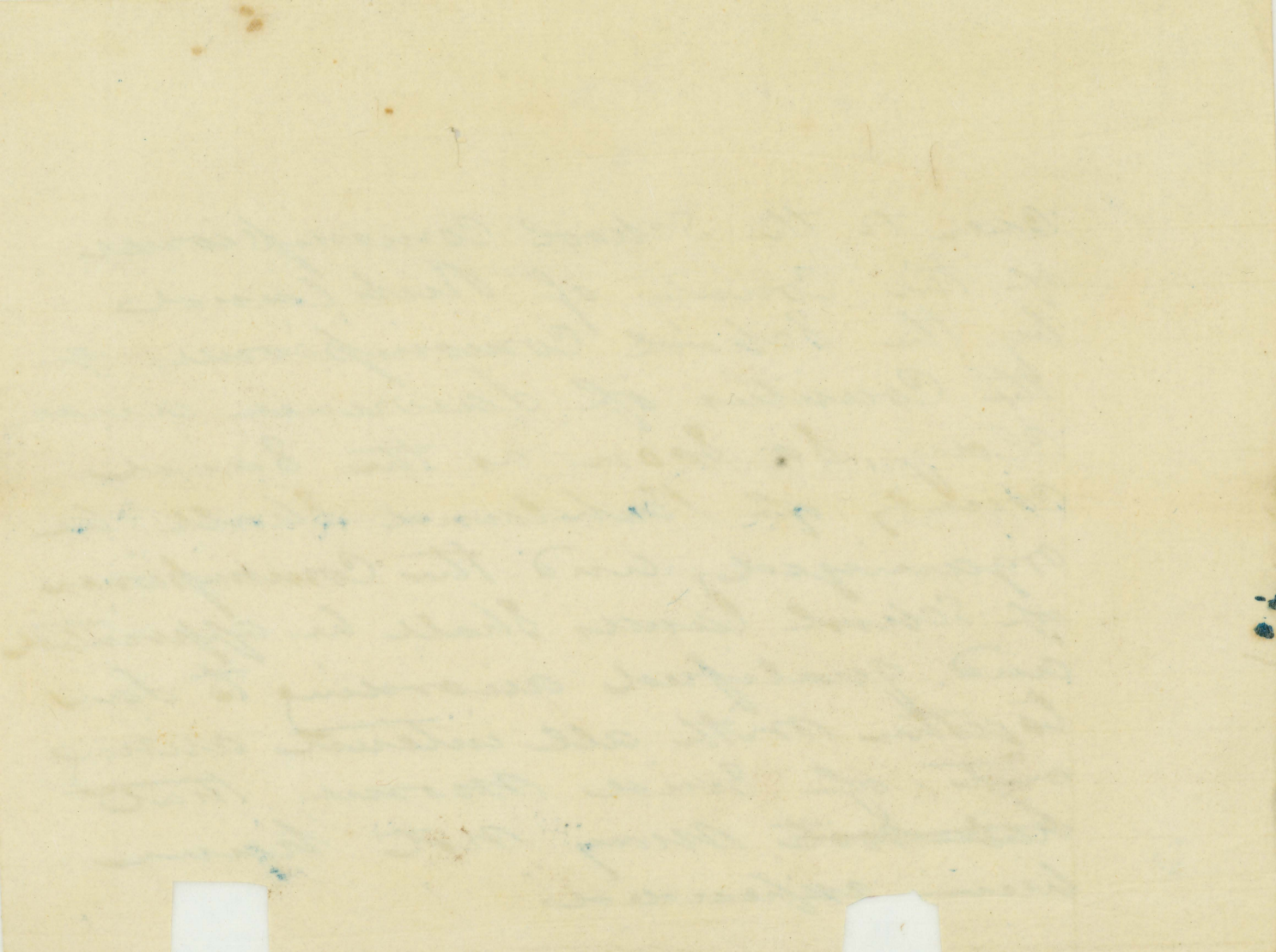
Sec. 5. Said County of Hubbard
shall make a part of the fourth
judicial Circuit, and so soon
as said County shall be ~~constituted~~
organized the Clerk of the
County Commissioners Court of
said County shall notify the
judge of the said Circuit, and
it shall be his duty to appoint
a clerk and hold courts in said
County at such times as said judge
shall appoint or shall be provided
by law, said Courts to be held
at such place as the County
Commissioners of said County
shall provide until public
buildings shall be erected

Sec. 6. The School funds belonging
to the several townships in said
County, and all notes and
Mortgages pertaining to the same
shall be paid and delivered

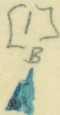
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Over to the School Commissioner
of the County of Richland
by the School Commissioners of
the Counties of Lawrence and
Clay, so soon as the said
County of Richland shall be
organized, and the Commissioner
of School lands shall be appointed
and qualified according to law
together with all interest arising
out of said money that
~~has not~~ may not have
been expended



Sec^t 7 That until otherwise provided
by Law that portions of Highland
County taken off Lawrence and that
+ portion taken off Clay shall
continue to vote with the Counties
they were taken off for Senator
and Representative to the
General assembly



1848
The first meeting of the
Board of Directors was held
on the 1st day of January
1848 at the office of the
Secretary in the City of
New York.

Sec 8-

That the passage of this act shall in nowise alter or effect the assessment of property or the collection of taxes in the Counties of Lawrence and Clay as the same are now organized for this year one thousand eight hundred and forty one But should the said County of Richland be organized in pursuance to the provisions of this act the County Commissioners courts of the Counties of Lawrence and Clay shall immediately after the settlement of the Collectors of their respective Counties order that portions of taxes collected from Citizens residing in that portion of Richland County taken off their respective Counties after deducting a proportionate amount for the assessment and collection ^{of the same} to be paid into the County Treasury of Richland County

A Bill
for
An Act for the
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See §.

9 The ~~the~~ returns of the election
for County officers to be held
on the first Monday in August
next and the returns of the
election for the purpose of fixing
the permanent Seat of justice
of Said County shall be
made to Samuel R Lowry
James Laws and Joshua Weston
who are hereby authorized and
required to open the same
and make returns thereof
in the same manner
as ~~is required~~ of Clerks
of County Commissioners Courts
and Justices of the Peace
called to their assistance
in ordinary cases, are
required to do —

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