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An act for the division of the Territory into Counties, and their Boundaries.

[Chapter 1, Revised Statutes.]

(1.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* This territory shall be divided into the following counties, to wit: Benton, Dakota, Itasca, Cass, Pembina, Ramsey, Washington, Chisago, and Wabasha, and they shall be bounded and described as in the following sections mentioned:—

Territory, how divided into counties.

(2.) SEC. II. That so much of the said territory as is contained in the following boundaries be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Washington, to wit: Beginning at a point in the Mississippi river where the section line between sections twenty-three and twenty-six in township twenty-eight north, of range twenty-two west, strikes the said river; thence east on said line until it intersects the range line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west of the fourth principal meridian; thence due north on said range line to its intersection with the northern boundary line of town thirty-two north; thence east along said line to its intersection with the eastern boundary line of the aforesaid territory; thence south upon the eastern boundary line of said territory to its intersection with the Mississippi; thence up said river to the place of beginning.

Washington county, its limits, &c.

(3.) SEC. III. That so much of said territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Ramsey, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Rum river, thence up said river and the west branch thereof to its source; thence due north to its intersection with the Mississippi river; thence up said river to its intersection with the southern boundary line of Itasca county; thence in a south-easterly direction along said boundary line to its intersection with the boundary line of Chisago county; thence south along the western boundary line of Chisago and Washington counties to its intersection with the line between sections twenty-four and twenty-five in township twenty-eight north, of range twenty-two west; thence west along said section line to the Mississippi river; thence up said river to the place of beginning, including the islands in said river.

Ramsey county, its limits, &c.

(4.) SEC. IV. That so much of the said territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby, erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Chisago, to wit: Beginning at a point on the St. Croix river, where the boundary line between townships thirty-two and thirty-three north, of range nineteen west of the fourth principal meridian intersects said river; thence running west on said township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two west; thence north on said range line to its intersection with the south boundary line of township thirty-six north, of range twenty-two west; thence west on said township line to its intersection with the range line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three west;

Chisago county, its limits, &c.

thence due north to the southern boundary line of Itasca county; thence along said boundary line in a south-easterly direction to its intersection with the eastern boundary line of said territory; thence south on said eastern boundary line to the place of beginning: *provided*, that no special election shall be required to elect county officers for said county; but the said officers shall be elected by the qualified voters of said Chisago county at the next general election held in this territory, who shall qualify and enter upon the discharge of the duties of their office on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two. The returns of said election shall be made to, and the certificates of election issued by, the clerk of the board of commissioners of Washington county

Benton county,  
its limits, &c.

(5.) SEC. V. That so much of said territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Benton, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Rum river; thence along the western boundary of Ramsey county, to its intersection with the Mississippi river; thence down said river to the place of commencement.

Itasca county, its  
limits, &c.

(6.) SEC. VI. That so much of the said territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Itasca, to wit: Beginning at the point where forty-six degrees thirty minutes, north latitude intersects the eastern boundary line of the territory of Minnesota; thence north along the eastern boundary line of said territory to the British possessions; thence along the boundary line of said territory to the middle of the lake of the Woods; thence south in a direct line to the Mississippi river; thence down said river to the mouth of Muddy creek; thence in a direct line to the point of beginning.

Wabasha  
county, its limits,  
&c.

(7.) SEC. VII. That all that portion of the said territory lying east of a line running due south from a point on the Mississippi river known as Medicine Bottle village, at Pine Bend, to the Iowa line be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county which shall be known by the name of Wabasha.

Dakota county,  
its limits, &c.

(8.) SEC. VIII. That all that portion of the said territory west of the Mississippi and lying west of the county of Wabasha, and south of a line beginning at the mouth of Crow river, and up said river and the north branch thereof to its source, and thence due west to the Missouri river be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Dakota.

Cass county es-  
tablished, its  
limits, &c.

(9.) SEC. IX. That all that portion of the said territory within the following limits, viz.: Beginning at the mouth of Crow river; thence up the Mississippi river to Itasca lake; thence on a direct line to Otter Tail lake; thence on a direct line to the source of Long Prairie river; thence south to the northern boundary line of Dakota county; thence along said line to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county which shall be known by the name of Cass.

Pembina county,  
its limits, &c.

(10.) SEC. X. That all that portion of said territory not embraced within the limits of any of the foregoing counties, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Pembina.

County of Chisago,  
when to be  
organized.

(11.) SEC. XI. The county of Chisago from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, shall and is hereby declared to be an organized county, and invested with all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this territory shall be and are by law entitled.

Counties organ-  
ized for all pur-  
poses.

(12.) SEC. XII. That the counties of Washington, Ramsey and Benton be, and the same are hereby declared to be organized counties, and in-

vested with all and singular, the rights, privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in the territory shall be, and are by law entitled.

(13.) SEC. XIII. That the counties of Itasca, Wabasha, Dakota, Cass and Pembina be and the same are declared to be organized only for the purpose of the appointment of justices of the peace, constables and such other judicial and ministerial officers as may be specially provided for. Counties organized for special purposes.

(14.) SEC. XIV. The seat of justice of the county of Chisago shall be at such point in said county as the first board of commissioners elected in said county shall determine. Seat of justice of Chisago.

(15.) SEC. XV. The seat of justice of Washington county shall be at Stillwater in the said county. Seat of justice of Washington.

(16.) SEC. XVI. The seat of justice of the county of Ramsey shall be at St. Paul in the said county of Ramsey. Seat of justice of Ramsey.

(17.) SEC. XVII. That the seat of justice of the county of Benton shall be within one quarter of a mile of a point on the east side of the Mississippi river, directly opposite the mouth of Sauk river. Seat of justice of Benton.

(18.) SEC. XVIII. That the county of Wabasha is hereby attached to the county of Washington for judicial purposes; that the county of Dakota is hereby attached to the county of Ramsey for judicial purposes, and the counties of Cass, Itasca and Pembina are hereby attached to the county of Benton for judicial purposes. Counties attached for judicial purposes.

(19.) SEC. XIX. That the counties of Itasca, Wabasha, Dakota, Cass and Pembina, shall each be entitled to any number of justices of the peace, not exceeding six, and to the same number of constables; which said justices and constables shall receive their appointment from the governor; and their term of office shall be two years, unless sooner removed by the governor. Governor to appoint justices in certain counties.

(20.) SEC. XX. That the justices and constables appointed for said counties shall be conservators of the peace, and shall each give a bond to the territory to be approved by the secretary, in the sum of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of their duties, upon which bond they may at any time be sued for the benefit of any person or persons aggrieved, by reason of the willful omission of duty or misconduct of such officers. Justices, conservators of the peace.

(21.) SEC. XXI. Counties which are unorganized for judicial purposes, which are annexed or hereafter to be annexed to any organized county for judicial purposes, shall, for the purpose of assessment and collection of taxes, be deemed to be within the limits of the county to which they are or may be so annexed, and as forming a part thereof unless and until otherwise provided by law. Unorganized counties annexed for the purposes of taxation.

An Act to establish the County of Hennepin.

✓ [Passed March 6, 1852.] c. 32

(22.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of Dakota county, as lies north of Minnesota river, west of the Mississippi, and east of a line commencing at a place known as the Little Rapids, on said Minnesota river; thence in a direct line, north by west, to the forks of Crow river; thence down said river to its junction with the Mississippi, be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be called the county of Hennepin. Boundaries.

(23.) SEC. II. The said county of Hennepin, is hereby attached to the county of Ramsey, for judicial purposes, until further provided for; but for election purposes, it shall remain as at present, in conjunction with Dakota county, so far as relates to the election of a councillor and two rep- Attached to Ramsey county for judicial purposes.

representatives, until the next apportionment of representation: *provided, however*, that said county is established within the boundaries defined, as an unorganized county until the provisions of the following sections are fulfilled.

When to elect  
county officers.

(24.) SEC. III. That when the treaty of Mendota, concluded with the Dakota Indians is ratified by the United States senate, the aforesaid county of Hennepin will be entitled to elect at the next general election, subsequent to such ratification, such county and other officers as the organized counties are entitled to, or as the qualified voters of said county may think proper and expedient to elect for the permanent organization of said county of Hennepin; which shall qualify as directed by the statute, and enter upon the discharge of their duties within ten days after their election. The returns of said first general election to be made in the manner provided for by law, to the register of deeds of Ramsey county, who is hereby authorized to issue certificates of said returns, and perform all the duties prescribed by the statutes, in relation to election returns made from unorganized counties.

County, when  
organized.

(25.) SEC. IV. Upon the ratification of said treaty of Mendota, the said county of Hennepin will be considered to be organized for all the purposes herein specified, and invested with all and singular the rights and privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this territory, shall be and are by law entitled to: *provided*, that the county commissioners so elected as herein provided, are authorized to establish the county seat of said county of Hennepin, temporarily until the same is permanently established by the legislature, or authorized votes of the qualified voters of said county.

Act, when to  
take effect.

(26.) SEC. V. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An Act to organize certain Counties and for other purposes.

✓ [Passed March 5, 1853.] C. 11

Dakota county

(27.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is contained in the following boundaries, be and the same is hereby created into the county of Dakota, to wit: beginning at a point in the Minnesota river at the mouth of Credit river, thence on a direct line to the upper branch of Cannon river, thence down said river to its lower fork as laid down on Nicollet's map, thence on a direct line to a point on the Mississippi river opposite the mouth of St. Croix lake, thence up the Mississippi river to the mouth of the Minnesota river, thence up the Minnesota river to the place of beginning.

Goodhue.

(28.) SEC. II. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Goodhue, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of Dakota county, thence due south-east on a line twenty-five miles, thence on a due line to lake Pepin, at a point on said lake seven miles below Sand Point, thence up to the middle of said lake and the Mississippi river, to the boundary line of Dakota county, thence along the line of said county to the place of beginning.

Wabasha.

(29.) SEC. III. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Wabasha, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of the county of Goodhue, thence on a line south-east twenty-five miles, thence on a due line to the head waters on the Minneskah river, thence down said river to its junction with the Mississippi river, thence up the middle of the said Mississippi river and lake Pepin, to the line of Goodhue county, thence along said county line to the place of beginning.

(30.) SEC. IV. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Fillmore, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of Wabasha county, thence south-east to the Iowa state line, thence east on the said Iowa state line to the Mississippi river, thence up the middle of said river to the mouth of Minneskah or White river, thence up said river on the south line of Wabasha county to the place of beginning.

(31.) SEC. V. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Scott, to wit: beginning at the mouth of Credit river in the Minnesota river, thence up the Minnesota river to the mouth of Techankiute river, thence on a direct line to the north-west point of Sakatah lake, thence on a direct line to the south-west corner of Dakota county, thence up the line of Dakota county to the place of beginning.

(32.) SEC. VI. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Le Sueur, to wit: beginning at the mouth of Techankiute river, thence up the Minnesota river to the mouth of Whiwhi creek, thence on a direct line to the P'sah lake, thence on a direct line to Sakatah lake, thence on the line of Scott county to the place of beginning.

(33.) SEC. VII. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Rice, to wit: beginning at the south-west corner of Dakota county, thence west along said county line to lake Sakatah, thence south to the Iowa state line, thence east along the said state line to the south-west corner of Fillmore county, thence along the west lines of Fillmore, Wabasha and Goodhue counties, to the place of beginning.

(34.) SEC. VIII. That so much territory lying south of the Minnesota river, as remains of Wabasha and Dakota counties undivided by this act is hereby created into the county of Blue Earth.

(35.) SEC. IX. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Sibley, to wit: beginning at the north-west corner of Hennepin county, thence up the north fork of Crow river to its second fork, thence in a direct line to the mouth of Rush river, thence down the Minnesota river to the line of Hennepin county, thence along the line of said county to the place of beginning.

(36.) SEC. X. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Nicollet, to wit: beginning at the mouth of Rush river, thence up the Minnesota river to the mouth of Little Rock river, thence due north to the north fork of Crow river, thence down said river to the north-west corner of Sibley county, thence along said county line to the place of beginning.

(37.) SEC. XI. That so much territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Pierce, to wit: beginning at the mouth of Little Rock river, thence up the Minnesota river to the county line of Pembina county, thence east on the south line of Pembina and Cass counties to the north-west corner of Nicollet county, thence south along the west line of said county to the place of beginning.

(38.) SEC. XII. That the county of Sibley shall be, and is hereby attached to the county of Hennepin for judicial purposes; the county of Pierce shall be, and is hereby attached to the county of Nicollet for judicial purposes; the county of Rice shall be, and is hereby attached to the county of Dakota for judicial purposes; and the county of Goodhue shall

Counties attached to others for judicial purposes.



be, and is hereby attached to the county of Wabasha for judicial purposes.

What counties  
entitled to jus-  
tices and  
constables.

(39.) SEC. XIII. That the counties of Pierce, Sibley, Rice and Goodhue, shall each be entitled to any number of justices of the peace and constables, not exceeding four, which said justices and constables shall receive their appointment from the governor, and their term of office shall be two years, unless sooner removed by the governor.

What counties  
organized.

(40.) SEC. XIV. That the counties of Dakota, Wabasha, Fillmore, Scott, Le Sueur, Blue Earth and Nicollet, be, and the same are hereby declared to be organized counties, and invested with all and singular, the rights and privileges and immunities to which all organized counties are in this territory entitled to by law; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the governor at so soon a time as practicable, to appoint all county officers, justices of the peace and constables, as said counties may be entitled to by law, who shall hold their offices until their successors shall be duly elected at the next general election. That such officers so appointed in the organized and unorganized counties, shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties in such sums as are now required by law.

Unorganized  
counties.

(41.) SEC. XV. The counties which are unorganized for judicial purposes, which are annexed to an organized county for judicial purposes, shall, for the purpose of assessment and the collection of taxes, be deemed to be within the limits of the county to which they are so annexed, and as forming a part thereof, unless and until otherwise provided by law.

Election of com-  
missioners.

(42.) SEC. XVI. That at any general election hereafter, the counties of Sibley, Pierce, Rice and Goodhue, or either of them, may elect their county commissioners and all other county and precinct officers, and thereafter the said county or counties shall be deemed to be organized for all county and judicial purposes: *provided*, that at said election for county officers, as aforesaid, there shall not be less than fifty legal votes cast for said county and precinct officers within the said county so holding said election.

Their duty.

(43.) SEC. XVII. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of any county to which other county or counties may be attached for judicial purposes, to locate election precincts and appoint judges of election in the county or counties so attached for judicial purposes, in the same manner as provided by law for establishing election precincts within the county to which said counties are so attached.

To locate county  
seat.

(44.) SEC. XVIII. It shall be the duty of the first board of county commissioners which shall be hereafter elected in any county laid off in pursuance of the provisions of this act, as soon after said board shall have been elected and qualified as provided by law, as the said board or a majority thereof shall determine, to locate the county seat of the county, and the location so made as aforesaid shall be the county seat of the county to all intents and purposes, until otherwise provided by law.

An act to establish certain Counties and for other purposes.

[Passed February 23, 1854.] C. 29

County of Hous-  
ton.

(45.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Houston: Beginning at a point on the Mississippi river on the line of Iowa and Minnesota; thence west to the southwest corner of township number one hundred and one north, of range number seven west; thence north twenty-four miles to the north-west corner of township number one hundred and four north, of range number seven west; thence east to the Mississippi river; thence down the said river to the place of beginning.

(46.) SEC. II. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Fillmore: County of Fillmore. Beginning at the south-east corner of township number one hundred and one north, of range number eight west; thence north twenty-four miles to the north-east corner of township number one hundred and four north, of range number eight west; thence west eighteen miles; thence north twelve miles; thence west eighteen miles to the north-west corner of township number one hundred and six north, of range number thirteen west; thence south to the south-west corner of township number one hundred and one north, of range number thirteen west; thence east on the Iowa line to the place of beginning.

(47.) SEC. III. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Winona: County of Winona. Beginning at the south-west corner of township number one hundred and five north, of range number ten west; thence north twenty-four miles to the north-west corner of township number one hundred and eight north, of range number ten west; thence east to the Mississippi river; thence down said river to the north-east corner of Houston county; thence west to the place of beginning.

(48.) SEC. IV. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Wabasha: County of Wabasha. Beginning at the south-east corner of township number one hundred and seven north, of range number eleven west; thence west thirty miles to the south-west corner of township number one hundred and seven north, of range number fifteen west; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north twelve miles; thence east six miles; thence north six miles; thence east six miles; thence north to lake Pepin; thence down said lake and the Mississippi river to the north-east corner of Winona county; thence west to the north-west corner of Winona county; thence south to the place of beginning.

(49.) SEC. V. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Goodhue: County of Goodhue. Beginning at the north-east corner of township number one hundred and twelve north, of range number thirteen west; thence south six miles; thence west six miles; thence south six miles; thence west six miles; thence south twelve miles to the south-east corner of township number one hundred and nine north, of range number one hundred and fifteen; thence west twenty-four miles to the south-west corner of township number one hundred and nine north, of range number eighteen west; thence north to the Cannon river; thence down said river to the lines between ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence north to the south-east corner of township number one hundred and thirteen north, of range eighteen west; thence east six miles; thence north to the Mississippi river; thence down said river and Lake Pepin to the place of beginning.

(50.) SEC. VI. That the counties of Houston and Winona, on the first Tuesday of April next are each hereby authorized to hold a special election, within the precincts as are now designated by the county commissioners of Fillmore county, for the purpose of choosing the following county officers, to wit: Three county commissioners, one register of deeds, one county treasurer, one sheriff, one district attorney, one judge of probate, one county surveyor, one coroner, three assessors, one supervisor of roads for each road district, two justices of the peace, and two constables for each precinct. What counties to hold election.

(51.) SEC. VII. Said election shall be held at the precincts now authorized by law for holding general elections, and the said election shall be County officers.

conducted in the same manner as is provided by law for holding general elections; and the returns of said election shall be returned to the register of deeds of Fillmore county, and the said register is hereby authorized and required to canvass the said returns according to law, and to issue to each person receiving the highest number of votes a certificate of their election, and upon the receipt of such certificate, said person may immediately qualify, and enter upon the duties of his office, and the officers so elected shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected at the next general election, and qualified according to law; and the governor of this territory is hereby authorized and requested to appoint inspectors of elections for each precinct of the said counties for the special election.

Returns how made; officers to qualify.

(52.) SEC. VIII. The county seat of said county of Winona shall be at the village of Winona, at such point as the county commissioners of said county may select on the present recorded village plat of Winona. The county seat of said county of Goodhue, shall be located at the village of Red Wing, at such point in said village as the county commissioners of said county may select. The county seat of said county of Houston shall be located at the village of Brownsville, at such point as the county commissioners of said county may select.

(53.) SEC. IX. [*As amended by Sec. 7 of "An act to organize the county of Sibley," passed March 2, 1854.*] This act shall take effect, and be in force from and after its passage.

An act to organize the County of Sibley.

✓ [Passed March 2, 1854.] c 32

County of Sibley. (54.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Sibley be and the same is hereby declared to be organized with all and singular, the rights and privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this territory are entitled by law.

To elect officers. (55.) SEC. II. That at the next general election, it shall be competent for the legal voters in the said county of Sibley to elect all county officers, justices of the peace, and constables, as said county may be entitled to by law, which officers shall qualify and enter upon the duties of their office at the time, and in the manner prescribed by law.

Boundaries. (56.) SEC. III. That the southern boundary of Sibley county shall be so changed that from the mouth of Rush river, said line shall follow the middle of said stream, and the branch thereof to its source, and thence on a direct line to the point on Crow river designated by law, as the boundary of said county.

Attached to Hennepin. (57.) SEC. IV. That the said county of Sibley is hereby attached to the county of Hennepin; for judicial purposes, until the county officers of said county shall have been elected and qualified as contemplated by this act.

County seat how fixed. (58.) SEC. V. The county seat of said county of Sibley shall be, and is hereby established at Henderson, in said county: *provided*, that the board of county commissioners first elected in said county, or a majority of them, may, within six months after they shall have qualified as herein provided, locate the county seat of said county permanently, and shall also have power to pre-empt for said county, in accordance with the act of congress, approved May 26, 1824, entitled "An Act entitled an act granting to the counties or parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of lands for seats of justice within the same," one quarter

section of land, on which the county buildings of said county shall be erected; *provided*; that the said commissioners shall not locate the county seat on land already occupied, unless with the consent of the person or persons claiming and occupying the same, and under such agreement as may be entered into by and between said commissioners or a majority of them, and the said claimant or claimants.

(59.) SEC. VI. That there be held in each of the counties of Winona and Houston, at the county seats thereof, one term of the district court annually, at such time as may be designated by the district judge authorized to hold courts therein. Courts.

SEC. VII. [*Amends Sec. IX of the foregoing "Act to establish certain counties, and for other purposes," passed February 23, 1854, which see.*]

(60.) SEC. VIII. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An Act to define the Boundaries of certain Counties.

√[*Passed February 20, 1855.*] c. 6

(61.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota*: That so much of the territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Olmsted: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range number ten west of the fifth meridian, running thence west on the township line, thirty miles to the township line between ranges fifteen and sixteen; thence north on said township line twenty-four (24) miles to the township line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east on said township line eighteen miles to the township line between ranges twelve and thirteen; thence south on said township line, six miles to the township line between townships one hundred and seven and one hundred and eight; thence east on said line twelve miles to the township line between ranges ten and eleven west, and thence south eighteen miles to the place of beginning. County of Olmsted.

(62.) SEC. II. That so much of the territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Dodge: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five north, range fifteen west; running thence west on the township line twenty-four miles to the township line between ranges nineteen and twenty; thence north on said township line, twenty-four miles to the township line between one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east twenty-four miles on said township line to the township line between ranges fifteen and sixteen; thence south on said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning. County of Dodge.

(63.) SEC. III. That so much of the territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Mower: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, range thirteen west; running thence west on the boundary line between Minnesota territory and the state of Iowa, thirty miles to the township line between ranges eighteen and nineteen west; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence east on said township line thirty miles to the township line between ranges thirteen and fourteen west; thence south on said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning. County of Mower.

(64.) SEC. IV. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Freeborn: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one County of Freeborn.

north, range eighteen west, running thence west on the boundary line between Minnesota Territory and the State of Iowa, thirty miles to the township line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence east on said township line thirty miles to the township line between range eighteen and nineteen west; thence south twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

County of Blue Earth.

(65.) SEC. V. [*As amended by laws of 1856, page 59.*] That so much of the territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be and the same is hereby established as the county of Blue Earth: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five north, range twenty-four west, running thence west on said township line thirty miles to the township line between ranges twenty-nine and thirty; thence north on said township line to the center of the Minnesota river; thence down said river to the center of township one hundred and nine north, in range twenty-six west, between sections number eighteen and nineteen; thence due east through the center of said township and township number one hundred and nine, of range number twenty-five west, to the line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west; thence south to the place of beginning.

County of Farri-  
bault.

(66.) SEC. VI. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Farri- bault: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, range twenty-three west; running thence west on the boundary line between the territory of Minnesota and the state of Iowa, thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges twenty-nine and thirty west; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between one hundred and four and one hundred and five north; thence east on said line thirty-six miles to the township line between range twenty-three and twenty-four west; thence south on said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

County of Steele.

(67.) SEC. VII. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Steele: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five north, range nineteen west, thence running west thirty miles on said township line, to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west; thence north twenty-four miles on said township line, to the township line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east on said township line, thirty miles to the township line, between ranges nineteen and twenty west; thence south on said township line to the place of beginning.

County of Rice.

(68.) SEC. VIII. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Rice: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and nine north, range eighteen west; running thence west on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen north; thence east on said township line twelve miles to the township line between ranges twenty and twenty-one; thence south six miles to the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve; thence east on said township line to the township line between ranges eighteen and nineteen; thence south eighteen miles to the place of beginning.

County of Dako-  
ta.

(69.) SEC. IX. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Dakota:

Beginning at the center of the channel of the Minnesota river at the mouth of Credit river; thence on a direct line to the north-east corner of township one hundred and twelve, in range twenty-one west; thence south on the township line between ranges twenty and twenty-one west, to the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve; thence east on said line to the center of the channel of the Cannon river; thence down said river, in the center of said channel to the township line between ranges seventeen and eighteen west of the fifth meridian; thence north on said line to the township line, between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen, north; thence east on said line, six miles to the township line, between ranges sixteen and seventeen, west; thence north six miles to the township line, between townships one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and fourteen; thence east three miles on said line; thence north on the section line across the center of township one hundred and fourteen, range sixteen west, to the center of the channel of the Mississippi river; thence up the center of the channel of said river, to the mouth of the Minnesota river; thence up the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(70.) SEC. X. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Scott: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and thirteen, range twenty west; thence west on the township line to the center of the Minnesota river; thence down said river to the township line between ranges twenty and twenty-one; thence south on said township line to the place of beginning. [*Amended by laws of 1855, page 70, as follows:*] The east line of Scott county shall conform to the line prescribed as the western boundary of Dakota county, any act to the contrary notwithstanding. County of Scott.

(71.) SEC. XI. [*As amended by laws of 1856, page 60:*] That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Le Sueur: Beginning at the center of the Minnesota river, where the line between sections number eighteen and nineteen of townships number one hundred and nine, of range twenty-six west, crosses said river; running thence east on said line to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five; thence south on said township line three miles to the township line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east on said township line twelve miles to the township line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen north; thence west on said township line until it intersects the Minnesota river; thence up said river to the place of beginning. County of Le Sueur.

(72.) SEC. XII. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Nicollet: Beginning in the center of the channel of the Minnesota river, on the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve north; thence west on said line to the center of the channel of the Minnesota river; thence down the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning. County of Nicollet.

(73.) SEC. XIII. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Sibley: Beginning in the center of the channel of the Minnesota river on the township line, between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve north; running thence west on said township line to the township line between ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west; thence north on said line, eighteen miles to the township line, between townships one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fifteen; thence east on said

line thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west; thence south three miles to the middle of township one hundred and fourteen north; thence east on the section line to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five; thence south along said line to the center of the channel of the Minnesota river; thence up the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning: *provided*, that said county shall include all of sections one and twelve, in township one hundred and twelve north, and range twenty-six west.

County of Carver.

(74.) SEC. XIV. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Carver: Beginning at the center of the main channel of the Minnesota river, where the township line, between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, crosses said river; thence north along said line to the center (north and south) of township one hundred and fourteen; thence west along the section line, to the township line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six; thence north along said line to the township line between townships one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fifteen north; thence west on said line thirty miles, to the township line between ranges thirty and thirty-one west; thence north eighteen miles to the township line between one hundred and seventeen and one hundred and eighteen north; thence east on said line thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west of the fifth meridian; thence south six miles on said line to the township line between townships one hundred and sixteen and one hundred and seventeen north; thence east on said line, twelve miles to the township line between range twenty-two and twenty-three west; thence south on said line to the center of the Minnesota river; thence up the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Renville.

(75.) SEC. XV. That so much territory as is embraced within the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Renville: Beginning at the center of the main channel of the Minnesota river, where the line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve crosses said river; thence east along said township line to the western boundary line of Sibley county; thence along the boundary line of Sibley and Carver counties, to the line between townships one hundred and seventeen and one hundred and eighteen; thence west along said line to the middle of the main channel of the Minnesota river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Davis.

(76.) SEC. XVI. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Davis: Beginning in the center of Minnesota river at the north-west corner of Renville county, running thence in a northerly direction to the head waters of Clearwater river; thence down said river to the township line, between ranges twenty-eight and twenty-nine west of the fifth meridian; and thence south on said line to the north line of Carver county; thence west on said line of Carver and Renville counties to the place of beginning.

County of Wright.

(77.) SEC. XVII. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Wright: Beginning at the north-east corner of Davis county, running thence south on the east line of said county to the north line of Carver county; thence east on the north line of said county, to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west of the fifth meridian; thence north on the said line to Crow river; thence down the center of Crow river, to the Mississippi river; thence up the main channel of said river to the mouth of Clearwater river; thence up the middle of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Stearns.

(78.) SEC. XVIII. That so much territory as is embraced in the fol-

lowing boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Stearns: Beginning at a point in the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of Platte river; thence west thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six; thence south on said township line, to the north-west corner of the county of Keating; thence along the northern boundary of said county, and the county of Wright to the center of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

(79.) SEC. XIX. That so much of the territory as was formerly included within the county of Blue Earth, and has not been included within the boundaries of any other county, as herein established, shall be known as the county of Brown.

County of  
Brown.

(80.) SEC. XX. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries shall constitute the county of Goodhue: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and nine north, range eighteen west; thence north to the middle of the main channel of Cannon river; thence down the middle of said channel to the line between the ranges seventeen and eighteen; thence north on said line to the line between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen; thence east along said line, to the south-west corner of township one hundred and thirteen, range sixteen; thence north to the line between townships one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and fourteen; thence east along said line to the corner of sections three, four, thirty-three and thirty-four, in range sixteen; thence north along the section line to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence down the middle of the main channel and of Lake Pepin, to a point due east of the meander corner to be hereafter established at the termination of the line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve upon said lake; thence west to the line between ranges thirteen and fourteen; thence south to the line between townships one hundred and ten and one hundred and eleven; thence west to the line between ranges fourteen and fifteen; thence south to the line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence west to the place of beginning.

County of Good-  
hue.

(81.) SEC. XXI. [As amended by laws of 1855, page 69:] So much of the county of Itasca as may be included in the following boundaries, viz: Commencing at the mouth of Knife river on the north shore of Lake Superior; thence directly north to the boundary of the line between the United States and the British Possessions; thence in a westerly course along said boundary line to Vermillion river; thence down said river to Vermillion lake; thence through the center of said lake to the south-east shore, at the mouth of the principal inlet; thence in a direct line to Dead Fish lake; thence through the center of said lake, and down the center of the channel of the St. Louis river to its mouth; thence along the north shore of Lake Superior to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Newton.

County of New-  
ton.

(82.) SEC. XXII. That so much of Minnesota Territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county which shall be known by the name of Benton, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Rum river; thence up the main branch of said river to Mille Lac; thence due north to the Mississippi river; thence down said river to the place of beginning.

County of Ben-  
ton.

(83.) SEC. XXIII. That so much of the counties of Wabasha, Fillmore, Hennepin, and Pierce, as have not been included within the above boundaries of other counties, under the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to constitute the limits of said counties respectively.

Counties of Wa-  
basha, Fillmore,  
Hennepin, and  
Pierce.



County of St. Louis.

(84.) SEC. XXIV. [*As amended by laws of 1855, page 69;* <sup>c. 32</sup>] That portion of the territory of Minnesota, lying west of a line commencing at the mouth of Knife river on the north shore of Lake Superior, and running due north until it intersects the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, and shall be known by the name of St. Louis.

County of Todd.

(85.) SEC. XXV. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Todd: Beginning at the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of Platte river; thence west to the township line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six; thence north on said township line to Crow Wing river; thence down the channel of said river to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi; thence down said river to the place of beginning.

An Act to Incorporate the Pittsburg and Minnesota Mining Company.

[Passed March 3, 1855.] c. 62

SEC. I. TO VI. INCLUSIVE. [*These sections are confined to the Pittsburg and Minnesota Mining Company.*]

Act shall take effect.

(86.) SEC. VII. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

County of Carver.

(87.) SEC. VIII. That the county of Carver be and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county with all and singular the rights, privileges, and immunities, to which all organized counties are entitled, and the county seat thereof is hereby established and located at San Francisco in said county; that at the next general election it shall be competent for the legal voters of said county to elect all officers to which said county may be entitled, who shall qualify and enter upon their respective duties as required by law, and until said officers are elected and qualified, said county is hereby attached to the county of Hennepin for judicial purposes; that there shall be held in said county of Carver, at least one term of the district court at such time as the district judge may designate until otherwise fixed by law.

This act declared a public act.

(88.) SEC. IX. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall be construed favorably to said corporation in all courts.

Power to modify or amend.

(89.) SEC. X. The legislature may modify or amend this act at any time.

An Act to organize the County of Stearns, and for other purposes.

[Passed March 3, 1855.] c. 4

County of Stearns organized.

(90.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Stearns be, and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county, and invested with all immunities to which all organized counties are in this territory entitled by law.

Governor shall appoint commissioners.

(91.) SEC. II. That the governor shall appoint and commission three suitable persons being qualified voters of said county of Stearns to be a board of county commissioners for said county, with full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this territory; and the said board shall have power to appoint a clerk, to execute, fulfill, and perform the duties devolving by law upon the register of deeds and clerk of the board of county commissioners of any organized county, who shall hold said office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

Commissioners shall meet.

(92.) SEC. III. That the commissioners appointed as aforesaid, shall meet on the second Monday in April, at St. Cloud in said county,

which shall be the county seat of said county, and shall proceed to appoint a clerk as aforesaid, and to do and perform all other acts relative to said county, which the commissioners of any organized county can do or perform.

(93.) SEC. IV. The county commissioners shall have power to appoint a suitable person, being a qualified voter of said county, sheriff of said county, who shall qualify and give bonds according to the requirements of law, who shall hold said office until his successor shall be elected and qualified at the next general election. Appointment of sheriff.

(94.) SEC. V. The said county of Stearns shall be included in the second judicial district, and there shall be held in said county at St. Cloud, two terms of the district court, on the fourth Monday of June, and on the third Monday of December, in each year. Where courts shall be held.

(95.) SEC. VI. The counties of Todd, Davis, and Cass are hereby attached to the county of Stearns for judicial purposes. County of Stearns.

(96.) SEC. VII. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. Act take effect.

(97.) SEC. VIII. *And be it further enacted:* That the county officers of each organized county shall be required to keep their offices at the county seat of such county, and in case of the refusal or neglect for a period of twenty days of any such officer or officers to conform to this requirement, the governor of the territory may, upon the application of the legal voters of such county, declare the office of such person so refusing or neglecting, to be vacant, and shall appoint his successor, who shall perform the duties of the office until after the next general election, and until his successor is legally elected and qualified: *provided*, that the county officers of the county of Fillmore shall not be required to remove their offices to Carimona, the county seat of said county, until the fifteenth day of April next, after which time all county offices shall be kept and the district court held at that place. County officers.

SEC. IX. [*Obsolete—divides county into council districts.*]

An Act to organize the County of Brown.  
[Passed February 11, 1856.] c. 62

(98.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Brown is hereby declared to be an organized county, and entitled to all privileges and immunities, and subject to all liabilities of other organized counties of this territory. Brown County.

(99.) SEC. II. That the county seat of Brown county shall be at the town of New Ulm, on the Minnesota river, and that the governor of this territory is hereby invested with full power to appoint all county officers for said county, who shall hold their offices from the time of their appointment until the next general election. There shall be at least one term of the district court held in the county of Brown in each year, at such time as the judge of the district in which said county shall be, shall appoint. County Seat.

An Act to attach a certain portion of Sibley County to Le Sueur County.  
[Passed February 18, 1856.] c. 61

(100.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That all that part of sections number twenty-five, south half of section twenty-six and section thirty-five, of township number one hundred and twelve, range twenty-six west, lying on the west side of the Minnesota river, be and is hereby attached to the county of Le Sueur. Le Sueur; what annexed to.

(101.) SEC. II. All acts heretofore passed, inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Acts repealed.

To be in force.

(102.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An Act to organize the county of Farribault, and to establish the County Seat of said County.

[Passed February 23, 1856.] c. 34

County of Farribault.

(103.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Farribault be and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county, and invested with all the rights, privileges, and immunities to which all organized counties in this territory are entitled by law.

County Seat.

(104.) SEC. II. That "Blue Earth City," situated between the forks of Blue Earth river, as laid out and named by James B. Wakefield and others, be and the same is hereby declared to be the temporary county seat of said county, and the county commissioners to be appointed as hereafter provided, shall have full power to locate the county buildings thereon.

Officers.

(105.) SEC. III. That the governor shall appoint and commission three suitable persons, the same being qualified voters of said county, to be a board of county commissioners for said county, with full power and authority to perform all acts and discharge all duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this territory. And that he shall also appoint and commission one sheriff, a register of deeds, and two justices of the peace for said county, who shall hold their offices respectively until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Judicial purposes.

(106.) SEC. IV. The said county of Farribault shall be attached to the county of Blue Earth for judicial purposes.

Vote on county seat.

(107.) SEC. V. That at the next general election the inhabitants of said county shall determine by vote where the county seat of said county shall be located, and all male inhabitants of said county over the age of twenty-one years, who have acquired an actual residence in said county shall have the right to vote on the location of said county seat.

To be in force.

(108.) SEC. VI. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An act to establish and define the Boundaries of Meeker County.

[Passed February 23, 1856.] c. 68

Meeker county.

(109.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Meeker: beginning at the south-west corner of Wright county, running thence west thirty miles to the south-west corner of township one hundred and eighteen, range thirty-three west of the fifth principal meridian; thence north to the center of the main channel of Clearwater river; thence down the main channel of said Clearwater river to the north-west corner of Wright county; thence south on the township line between ranges twenty-eight and twenty-nine, to the place of beginning.

Organized.

(110.) SEC. II. That the county of Meeker be, and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county, and invested with all immunities to which all organized counties are in this territory entitled by law.

Officers.

(111.) SEC. III. That John Huey, Thomas Skinner, and Frederick N. Ripley, shall constitute a board of county commissioners for said county, with full power and authority to do and perform all the acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this territory; and the said board shall have power to appoint a clerk to execute, fulfill and perform the duties devolving by law upon the reg-

ister of deeds and clerk of the board of county commissioners of any organized county, who shall hold said office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

(112.) SEC. IV. The commissioners aforesaid, shall meet on the first Monday in May, at Forrest City in said county, which shall be the county seat for said county, until otherwise provided by law; and at such meeting the said county commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint a suitable person, being a qualified voter of said county, sheriff of said county, who shall qualify and give bond according to the requirements of law, who shall hold said office until his successor shall be elected and qualified at the next general election. County seat.

(113.) SEC. V. The said county of Meeker shall be included in the third judicial district, and the eleventh council district, and the judge of said district shall fix the time for holding the terms of the district court in said county, until the same shall be fixed by law. Judicial and representative purposes.

(114.) SEC. 6. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An act to define the Boundaries of Benton, Morrison and Sherburne Counties, and for other purposes.

[Passed February 25, 1856.] c. 38

(115.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the county of Benton as lies east of the township line between range twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26), beginning at the Mississippi river, and running north to the line between township thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), be set off and constitute a part of the county of Ramsey. Part of Benton attached to Ramsey county.

(116.) SEC. II. That so much of the county of Benton as lies west of the township line between ranges twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26), and south of the township line between townships thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), be set off and constitute the county of Sherburne. Sherburne.

(117.) SEC. III. That so much of the county of Benton as lies north of the line running from the Mississippi river to Rum river, between townships thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39), be set off and constitute as follows, viz: beginning at the Mississippi river on the line between townships thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39), running east to the line between ranges twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28); thence north on said range line to the township line between townships forty-two (42) and forty-three (43); thence west to the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence down said channel to the place of beginning, shall be and constitute the county of Morrison, and the residue of said county being north of the line running between townships thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39), shall constitute a part of the county of Ramsey, or of the counties that may be erected adjacent to said residue. Morrison.

(118.) SEC. IV. That so much of the county of Benton as lies north of the line running from the Mississippi river to Rum river, between townships thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), and south of the line running from the Mississippi river to Rum river, between townships thirty-eight (38) and thirty-nine (39), shall remain and constitute the county of Benton, with the town of Watab for its county seat. Benton.

(119.) SEC. V. That the county of Morrison and Sherburne be, and the same are hereby declared to be organized counties, with all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities to which all other organized counties are entitled; and that the county seats of the said hereby organized counties be, and are hereby established as follows: for the county of Morrison, at the town of Little Falls, and for the county of Sherburne, at County seats.

the town of Humboldt, in said counties; that on the second Monday in April next ensuing, it shall be competent for the legal voters of said counties hereby organized, to elect all officers to which said counties may be respectively entitled, who shall, being duly qualified, enter upon their respective duties, as required by law; and until such officers are elected and qualified, said counties are hereby declared to be attached to the county of Benton for judicial purposes. That the returns of said elections to be held as aforesaid, shall be made to the register of deeds for Benton county, who shall canvass the votes and issue certificates of election in the manner prescribed by law. The said officers thus to be elected and qualified shall enter upon their duties on the first of May next ensuing, and shall hold their offices until the next general election, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Judicial purposes.

(120.) SEC. VI. That the county seat of Benton county shall be located at the town of Watab, in said county, and that on and after the first day of May next ensuing, the county of Todd be, and the same is hereby declared to be attached to the county of Morrison for judicial purposes, and that the county of Sherburne on and from the date last aforesaid be, and the same is hereby declared to be attached to the county of Benton, for judicial purposes.

Debts.

(121.) SEC. VII. That a pro-rata of whatever debts may be found to be due by the county of Benton, on the first day of April next, shall be chargeable by the said county of Benton, and due to the said county of Benton from the counties of Morrison, Sherburne, and the portions of said county of Benton set off to be attached to other counties at some future day, in proportion to the amount of taxable property embraced within the boundaries of the several districts hereby set off: *provided*, that nothing herein contained be so construed as to change the council or representative district.

To be in force.

(122.) SEC. VIII. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An act to designate the site whereon to erect the County Buildings of Hennepin County, and authorizing the Commissioners to procure a title thereto, and extending the Boundaries of the County.

✓ [Passed February 25, 1856.] c, 71

Site for buildings.

(123.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* Village lots nine and ten in block seventy-two in the town of Minneapolis, in Hennepin county, as the same are known and designated in the survey and plat of said town, recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said county, and such other lots adjoining thereto, as may be conveyed to said county for that purpose as hereinafter prescribed, are hereby designated as the site whereon to erect the county buildings in and for said county of Hennepin.

Commissioners to purchase.

(124.) SEC. II. The county commissioners in and for said county of Hennepin are hereby authorized and required at their first meeting after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as may be, to purchase by a good and sufficient warrantee deed, executed to them and their successors in office, sufficient to secure to said county an unincumbered title to said village lots nine and ten, mentioned in the first section of this act, and such other lots adjoining thereto as they shall deem advisable, on terms most advantageous to the said county.

Buildings.

(125.) SEC. III. As soon as an unincumbered title to the lots hereinbefore designated or authorized to be procured in pursuance of the provisions of this act, shall be secured to said county of Hennepin by the

county commissioners thereof, they shall at the earliest practicable period, cause the necessary county buildings for the use of said county to be erected on the said site, in such a manner, according to such plans, and on such terms as they shall deem best for the interest of said county.

(126.) SEC. IV. The boundaries of Hennepin county are hereby extended north across the Mississippi river, commencing on the north line of township twenty-nine, in range twenty-four, on the Mississippi river, and running due east to a point between sections four and five, in township thirty, in range twenty-three; thence due south to the town line between townships twenty-eight and twenty-nine; thence due west to the Mississippi river. Hennepin county.

(127.) SEC. V. The register of deeds of Hennepin county are hereby authorized and required to transcribe so much of the said records of Ramsey county, as do, by the provisions of this act, relate to the territory attached to the county of Hennepin, and for such transcribing shall be entitled [to] the amount allowed by law for recording, and to be paid for by the county of Hennepin; such transferring of the records to be done within twelve months from the passage of this act. Transcribe records.

(128.) SEC. VI. The delinquent taxes yet to be paid by that portion of Ramsey county hereby annexed to Hennepin, shall be paid to the county of Ramsey as provided by law. Taxes.

(129.) SEC. VII. This act shall take effect immediately. To be in force.

An Act to provide for locating the County Seat of the County of Steele and for other purposes.

[Passed February 29, 1856.] c. 49

(130.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county seat of the county of Steele be, and the same is hereby located at Owatonia in said county; provided, that upon application of twenty legal voters asking the question to be submitted to the voters of said county, the county commissioners are hereby authorized at any general election within two years of the passage of this act, to cause to be posted with the notices of said general election the application as aforesaid, setting forth the point to which it is proposed to remove said county seat, and the place receiving the highest number of votes shall be the county seat of said county to all intents and purposes. County seat.

(131.) SEC. II. That the county and precinct officers of said county, as elected at the last general election be deemed the legal officers of said county upon fully complying with the statute law in relation to such officers; provided, that the term of said officers shall close on the first day of January next. Officers.

(132.) SEC. III. That townships one hundred and five, one hundred and six, one hundred and seven and one hundred and eight of Range nineteen west, in the county of Dodge be, and they are hereby attached to the county of Steele. Townships.

(133.) SEC. IV. That the said county of Steele is hereby declared to be fully organized and invested with all the privileges and immunities to which organized counties are in this territory entitled by law. Organized.

(134.) SEC. V. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. To be in force.

An Act to establish the County of McLeod and for other purposes.

[Passed March 1, 1856.] c. 26

(135.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of said territory as is contained within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the south-east corner of town- Boundaries.

ship one hundred and fifteen (115), range twenty-seven west (27), of the fifth meridian; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and seventeen (117), range twenty-seven (27); thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and seventeen (117), range thirty (30); thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and fourteen (114), range thirty (30); thence east to the south-east corner of township one hundred and fourteen (114), range twenty-nine, (29); thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and fourteen (114), range twenty-nine (29); thence due east to the place of beginning, be, and the same is erected into a separate county and established as the county of McLeod.

Officers.

(136.) SEC. II. The said county is hereby declared to be organized, and the governor is hereby empowered to appoint all the county officers required to perform the duties of an organized county, which officers shall duly qualify and enter upon the performance of their duties as provided by law, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified according to law.

County seat.

(137.) SEC. III. The county seat of said county shall be and is hereby established at the town of Glencoe, and the name of the place now so known and designated is hereby confirmed and established as "Glencoe," and the county commissioners first elected in said county of McLeod, may locate a block in said town of Glencoe, whereon to erect the county buildings, with the consent of the owner or owners thereof.

To be in force.

SEC. IV. and V. [*Superseded by the state organization.*]

(138.) SEC. VI. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An Act to define the Boundaries of Lake and St. Louis Counties and for other purposes.

✓ [Passed March 1, 1856. c. 35]

Lake.

(139.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of Minnesota territory as lies east of a line commencing at the mouth of Knife river on the north shore of lake Superior, and running due north to the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions, shall be and is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Lake.

St. Louis.

(140.) SEC. II. That so much of the county of Itasca as is embraced in the following boundaries be and the same is hereby erected into a separate county which shall be known as the county of Saint Louis, to wit: Commencing at a point on the south boundary of Itasca county where the range line between ranges twenty-one and twenty-two crosses said boundary; thence due north to the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions; thence east on said boundary line to the western boundary of Lake county; thence south on said western boundary line to the shore of Lake Superior; thence in a south-easterly direction along the shore of said lake and up the St. Louis river to the boundary line between Minnesota and Wisconsin; thence south along said boundary line to the present south boundary of Itasca county; thence west along said boundary line to the place of beginning.

Officers.

(141.) SEC. III. The said county of St. Louis shall be and is hereby declared to be an organized county and invested with all and singular the rights, privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this territory are or shall be by law entitled, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the governor to appoint all county officers, justices of the peace and constables to which said county may be entitled by law as an organized county, and such officers so appointed shall qualify as by law required

and shall hold their offices until their successors shall be duly elected at the next general election. The commissioners appointed according to the provisions of this section, shall have power to locate the county seat of said county.

(142.) SEC. IV. The counties of Itasca and Lake and St. Louis are hereby attached to Benton county for judicial purposes. Judicial purposes.

SEC. V. [*Obsolete. Increases the representation in the legislature.*]

An Act to organize the County of Pine.

[*Passed March 1, 1856.*] c. 36

(143.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the counties of Chisago and Ramsey as is comprised within the following boundaries, be and the same is hereby constituted and erected into a separate county, to be known as the county of Pine, to wit: Beginning at a point where the line between township thirty-seven and thirty-eight north, strikes the St. Croix river; from thence running due west on said line to a point where the same is intersected by the line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west; from thence due north on said range line until intersected by the correction line between townships forty and forty-one north; thence east on said correction line to a point where the line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five leaves the same, running north; thence due north to the southern boundary of Itasca county; thence along said boundary to the west boundary of Wisconsin; thence along said boundary to the said place of beginning. Boundaries of Pine county.

(144.) SEC. II. The said county of Pine is hereby attached to the county of Chisago for judicial purposes, and representative purposes. Judicial and representative purposes.

(145.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. When to take effect.

An Act to organize the County of Mower, and for other purposes.

[*Passed March 1, 1856.*] c. 37

(146.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Mower be and the same is hereby declared to be an organized county, and vested with all the immunities to which all organized counties are in this territory entitled by law. Mower county.

(147.) SEC. II. The governor shall appoint three persons being qualified voters of the said county of Mower county, commissioners who shall constitute a board of county commissioners for said county, with full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this territory. The said board shall have power to appoint a clerk of the board of county commissioners of any organized county, who shall hold said office until his successor shall be duly elected and qualified. Officers.

(148.) SEC. III. That the commissioners aforesaid shall meet on the first Monday in April, 1856, at a point which may hereinafter by the provisions of this act, be established as the county seat of said county of Mower, and shall proceed to appoint a clerk as aforesaid, and do and perform all other acts relative to said county, which the commissioners of any organized county can do or perform. Commissioners.

(149.) SEC. IV. And be it further enacted, that George White, Philip Howell and William Russell, legal voters of said county be and the same are hereby appointed commissioners to locate temporarily, the county seat of said county of Mower, and the place so selected by said commissioners, shall be and remain the county seat of said county until such time when the same shall be decided by the voice of the people. County seat.

(150.) SEC. V. The said commissioners shall have power to appoint a Sheriff. Sheriff.



suitable person being a qualified voter of said county sheriff of said county, and all other county officers, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified at the next general election.

To be in force. (151.) SEC. VI. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

An Act to organize the County of Pine.

✓ [Passed February 13, 1857.] C. 68

Organization. (152.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Pine is hereby declared to be an organized county, and entitled to all privileges and immunities, and subject to all liabilities of other organized counties of this territory.

County seat. (153.) SEC. II. That the county seat of Pine county shall be at the town of Chengwatana, on Snake river, and that the governor of this territory is hereby invested with full power to appoint all county officers for said county, who shall hold their offices from the time of their appointment until the next general election.

Take effect. (154.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect from and after the first day of April next.

An Act to establish the County of Isanti.

[Passed February 13, 1857.] C. 70

Boundaries. (155.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the present county of Ramsey as is embraced within the following described limits be, and the same is hereby created into a separate county to be known as the county of Isanti, to wit: Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the counties of Ramsey and Chisago, designated by the government survey as the south-east corner of section twenty-four (24) of township thirty-four (34) north, of range twenty-two (22) west of the fourth principal meridian; thence running west upon section lines to the boundary line between the counties of Ramsey and Sherburne; thence north on said boundary line between the counties of Ramsey and Sherburne, and upon the range line between ranges twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26) to the south-west corner of Pine county; thence east upon the southern boundary line of Pine county to the north-west corner of Chisago county; thence along the boundary line between Ramsey and Chisago counties to the place of beginning.

County seat. (156.) SEC. II. The temporary seat of justice for the said county of Isanti is hereby established at the town of Cambridge.

Organization. (157.) SEC. III. The said county of Isanti is hereby declared to be an organized county upon an equal footing with any or all other organized counties of this territory; and the first election for county officers shall take place at the next general election, and the same shall be qualified and enter upon the discharge of their several duties at the time and in the manner prescribed by law: *provided*, that until said officers are so elected and qualified, the affairs of the county shall be administered by officers to be appointed by the Governor.

To take effect. (158.) SEC. IV. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

An Act to organize the County of Waseca.

[Passed February 27, 1857.] C. 57

Boundaries. (159.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the county of Steele as is comprised

within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby constituted and erected into a separate county to be known as the county of Waseca, to wit: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five, (105) range twenty-one (21); thence due west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105), range twenty-four (24); thence north to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight (108), range twenty-four (24); thence east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight (108), range twenty-two (22); thence due south to the place of beginning.

(160.) SEC. II. The said county of Waseca is hereby declared to be an organized county, and on the first Monday of June next the legal voters of said county shall hold an election at their several established precincts for county officers, which officers shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, or till their successors are elected and qualified according to law, and at the said election in June next, the legal voters of the said county shall select a place to be the seat of justice for the said county of Waseca, and the place receiving the largest number of votes shall be the permanent county seat of said county. Election.

(161.) SEC. III. And be it further enacted, that the governor shall appoint three commissioners who shall meet at Wilton on the third Monday of March, A. D. 1857, and adjust the election precincts in Waseca county, appoint judges of election and give notice to the several precincts of the time and place of holding said election, and who shall have power to perform the duties of county commissioners as in organized counties; *provided, however,* they shall have no power to establish the county seat of said county. Commissioners.

(162.) SEC. IV. The governor shall also appoint a sheriff, register of deeds, and two justices of the peace, who shall qualify and enter upon the duties of their respective offices as soon as appointed, and notified of the passage of this act, and continue in their term of office until their successors shall have been elected and qualified as herein provided. Officers.

(163.) SEC. V. All vacancies in the offices of the county of Steele occasioned by the passage of this act, and not otherwise provided for shall be filled temporarily until the next general election, by appointment of the county commissioners of said county. Vacancies.

(164.) SEC. VI. The said county of Waseca is hereby attached to the county of Steele for judicial purposes, and representative purposes. Attached.

(165.) SEC. VII. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Take effect.

An act to organize the County of Itasca and for other purposes.

[Passed March 6, 1857.] c. 3

(166.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the said county of Itasca is hereby declared to be an organized county, with all the immunities that organized counties are entitled to by law in this territory. Organized.

(167.) SEC. II. The temporary county seat of said county shall be at Ojibway, and the governor is hereby empowered to appoint three suitable persons, being qualified voters of said county, as a board of county commissioners for said county, who shall give bonds according to the requirements of the law. And the said commissioners who shall be appointed as aforesaid, shall have the power to appoint all other county officers, and do and perform all acts that the commissioners of organized counties are authorized to do under the laws of this territory. Said county is hereby attached to the third judicial district, and terms of court shall be held at such times as may be appointed by the judge of said district. County seat. Attached to third judicial district.

An act to organize the County of Freeborn.

[Passed March 6, 1857.] c. 74

Organized.

(168.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the county of Freeborn is hereby declared an organized county, with all the immunities of other organized counties of this territory.

Board of commissioners.

(169.) SEC. II. It shall be the duty of the governor of this territory to appoint the board of county commissioners and the register of deeds for said county, and the said board of county commissioners shall have power and it is hereby made their duty to appoint all other county officers contemplated by law in organized counties.

Oath.

(170.) SEC. III. All the officers appointed as above, shall, before entering upon the duties of their offices, be qualified as the law directs in cases of an election, and shall continue in office until the first day of January following their appointment, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

County seat.

(171.) SEC. IV. The board of county commissioners shall appoint a place for a temporary county seat in said county until a place shall be determined by the voice of the people.

Vote by ballot.

(172.) SEC. V. A poll shall be opened on the day of the first general election after the organization of said county, that the voters of said county may determine by ballot the place for county seat of said county, and the place having the highest number of votes shall be the permanent county seat.

A bill for an act to define the Boundaries between the Counties of Rice and Dakota.

[Passed May 22, 1857.] c. 16

Boundary line defined.

(173.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That the southern tier of sections in townships one hundred and twelve north, of ranges nineteen and twenty west, be, and the same are hereby annexed to and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Rice; and that all of said township one hundred and twelve north, of range nineteen west, not already included in the county of Dakota, be, and the same is hereby annexed to and shall hereafter constitute a part of the county of Dakota; and that said portions of townships so annexed, shall form a part of the representative district of the county to which they are annexed respectively.

(174.) SEC. II. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

A bill for an act to establish the Boundaries of certain Counties, and for other purposes.

[Passed May 23, 1857.] c. 5

Boundaries of Mille Lac county.

(175.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of "Mille Lac": beginning at the south-east corner of township thirty-six (36), range twenty-six (26) west; thence north to the north-east corner of township forty (40) north, range twenty-six (26) west; thence east on correction line to the south-east corner township forty-one (41) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence north on range line between ranges twenty-four (24) and twenty-five (25), to the northeast corner of township forty-three (43) north, range twenty-five (25) west; thence west to the north-west corner of township forty-three (43) north, range twenty-seven (27) west; thence south to the south-east corner of township forty-

one (41) north, range twenty-eight (28) west; thence east on correction line to the north-west corner of township forty (40) north, range twenty-seven (27) west; thence south to the north-west corner of township thirty-eight (38) north, range twenty-seven (27) west; thence east to Rum river; thence down the channel of Rum river to township line between townships thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36); thence east to the place of beginning. And the county seat of said county is hereby located *pro tempore* at "Hanover."

County seat.

(176.) SEC. II. That so much of the territory as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby created into the county of "Buchanan": beginning at the south-west corner of township number forty-two (42) north, range twenty-one west; thence east to the St. Croix river; thence up the St. Croix river to the boundary line between Wisconsin and Minnesota; thence north to the township line between townships, forty-five and forty-six; thence west on said line to the north-west corner of township forty-five, range twenty-one west; thence south to the place of beginning. And the county seat of said county is hereby located temporarily at "Fortuna."

Boundaries of Buchanan county.

County seat.

(177.) SEC. III. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of "Carlton": beginning at the north-east corner of Buchanan county, on state line between Wisconsin and Minnesota; thence north to the northeast corner of township forty-nine north, range sixteen west; thence west to the north-west corner of township forty-nine north, range twenty-one west; thence south to the south-west corner of township forty-six north, range twenty-one west; thence east to the place of beginning. And the county seat of said county is hereby located at the town of "Twin Lakes," *pro tempore*.

Boundaries of Carlton county.

County seat.

(178.) SEC. IV. That so much of the territory as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of "Crow Wing": beginning at the north-east corner of Morrison county; thence north to the middle of the Mississippi river; thence down the main channel of said river to the north-west corner of Morrison county; thence east to the place of beginning. And the county seat of said county is hereby located at Crow Wing, *pro tempore*.

Boundaries of Crow Wing county.

County seat.

(179.) SEC. V. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of "Aiken": beginning at the south-east corner of township forty-three north, range twenty-three west; thence west to the north-east corner of township forty-two, range twenty-five west; thence north to the north-east corner of "Mille Lac" county; thence west to the north-west corner of "Mille Lac" county; thence north to the north-west corner of township forty-six, range twenty-seven west; thence east to the north-east corner of township forty-six north, range twenty-three west; all west of the fourth principal meridian; thence south to the place of beginning. And the county seat of said county is hereby established, temporarily, at "Lankiagun City;" and the said county of "Aiken," together with the counties of "Crow Wing" and "Mille Lac," are hereby attached to and made a part of the second judicial district.

Boundaries of Aiken county.

County seat.

(180.) SEC. VI. The governor of the territory or future state of Minnesota, shall appoint three suitable persons, who shall be residents of their respective counties for each of the beforementioned counties, as a board of county commissioners for each of the counties named in this act, who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified. And the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid shall have power to appoint all other county officers for their respective counties, who shall have full power and author-

Governor to appoint commissioners, who appoint other officers.

ity to do and perform all acts which the commissioners of other organized counties can do or perform.

A bill to establish certain Counties, and for other purposes.

[Passed May 23, 1857.] C. 14

Boundary of  
Martin county.

(181.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Martin, beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one (101) north, of range twenty-eight (28) west; thence running due north to the north line of township one hundred and four; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four (104) north, of range thirty-three (33) west; thence due west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one (101) north, of range thirty-three (33) west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Jackson county.

(182.) SEC. II. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Jackson: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-four west; thence due north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-four west; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-eight west; thence due south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-eight west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Nobles county.

(183.) SEC. III. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Nobles: beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-nine west; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-nine west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four, range forty-three west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-three (43) west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Pipe Stone  
county.

(184.) SEC. IV. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Pipe Stone: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one, range forty-four; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-four west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-eight west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-eight (48) west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Big Sioux  
county.

(185.) SEC. V. That so much of the territory of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Big Sioux: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-nine west; thence west on the line between the state of Iowa and the territory of Minnesota, to the middle of the Big Sioux river; thence up the middle of the Big Sioux River to the township line between township one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence due east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-nine west; thence south to the place of beginning.

Declared organ-  
ized.

(186.) SEC. VI. The said counties of Martin, Jackson, Nobles and Big Sioux are hereby declared to be organized counties and invested with all the immunities to which organized counties are entitled by law in this territory, [and] said counties shall be attached to the third judicial district

for judicial purposes, and to the tenth council district for elective purposes.

(187.) SEC. VII. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Cottonwood: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-four (34) west; thence running due north to the north line of township one hundred and eight (108); thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range thirty-eight (38) west; thence due south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-eight (38) west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Cottonwood  
county.

(188.) SEC. VIII. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Murray: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-nine (39) west; thence due north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range thirty-nine (39) west; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight north, of range forty-three (43) [west]; thence due west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range forty-three west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Murray county.

(189.) SEC. IX. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Rock: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five north, of range forty-four (44) west; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight north, of range forty-four (44) west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight, range forty-eight (48) west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five north, of range forty-eight west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Rock county

(190.) SEC. X. That so much of the territory of Minnesota as is embraced within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Midway: beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range forty-nine west; thence west to the middle of the Big Sioux river; thence up the middle of the Big Sioux river to the township line between townships one hundred and eight (108) and one hundred and nine (109); thence due east to the northeast corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range forty-nine west; thence south to the place of beginning.

Boundary of  
Midway county.

(191.) SEC. XI. The governor shall appoint three persons for each of the respective organized counties, being residents and legal voters thereof, commissioners for each of said counties, with full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this territory, the said board of commissioners shall have power to appoint all other officers that may be required to complete the organization of their respective counties.

Governor to ap-  
point commis-  
sioners for each  
county.

(192.) SEC. XII. And be it further enacted that the county seat for the county of Martin shall be established temporarily at the town of Fairmont in said county, and the county seat of Jackson county shall be temporarily established at the town of Jackson in said county, and the county seat for the county of Nobles shall be temporarily established at the town of Gretchtown in said county of Nobles, and the county seat of Big Sioux county shall temporarily be established at the town of Medary.

Location of  
county seats.

(193.) SEC. XIII. The county commissioners of said counties shall meet in the first week of July next at the county seat of their respective counties and do and perform all acts relative to said counties.

Commissioners  
when to meet.

Attached for judicial purposes.

(194.) SEC. XIV. The county of Pipe Stone shall be attached to the county of Big Sioux, and the county of Rock shall be attached to the county of Murray for all judicial and elective purposes.

Permanent county seat how located.

(195.) SEC. XV. On the petition of twenty legal voters in any of said counties, at any time after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to order the legal voters of any of said counties to vote at any general election for the location of the county seats of said counties, and the point receiving the highest number of votes shall be the county seat of said county.

An Act to organize the County of Manomin.

*J. C. Y.* Passed May 23, 1857. C. 40

Boundary lines.

(196.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the county of Ramsey as is embraced within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby constituted and organized into a separate county under the name of the county of Manomin, to wit: beginning at a point on the Mississippi river where the line between township twenty-nine and thirty north, of range twenty-four west, strikes the said Mississippi river, running thence east on said line to a point where the line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-three intersects the same; thence north on said range line to the correction line between townships thirty and thirty-one; thence west on said correction line to the Mississippi river; thence along the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

Rights.

(197.) SEC. II. The said county of Manomin shall have all the rights and privileges of other organized counties of this territory; and the seat of justice for said county shall be at the town of Manomin.

County commissioners.

(198.) SEC. III. The governor of this territory shall appoint three residents of said county having the qualification of electors for members of the legislative assembly, to constitute the first board of county commissioners of said county, who shall hold their office until the next general election, or until their successors are elected and qualified; and the said board of county commissioners so appointed shall, at their first meeting elect a suitable person having the qualifications of elector in said county, to act as clerk of the board of county commissioners and the register of deeds for said county, who shall be duly qualified and perform the duties of his office until the next general election or until his successor is elected and qualified.

Register of deeds.

Other officers.

(199.) SEC. IV. The other county officers shall be appointed by the governor, qualified according to law, and hold their office until the next general election, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

An Act to organize and define the boundaries of the County of Anoka.

*J. C. Y.* [Passed May 23, 1857.] C. 64

Boundaries defined.

(200.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That so much of the county of Ramsey as is embraced within the following described limits, be, and the same is hereby created into a separate county, to be known as the county of Anoka, to wit: beginning at the south-east corner of section thirty-one (31), range twenty-two (22); thence west on the township line between townships thirty (30) and thirty-one (31), to the middle of the Mississippi river; thence up said river to the township line between ranges twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26); thence north along the boundary line between the counties of Ramsey and Sherburne to the southern boundary line of the county of Isanti; thence

east along the boundary line between the counties of Isanti and Ramsey to the boundary line between the counties of Chisago and Ramsey; thence south along the boundary line between the counties of Ramsey, Chisago and Washington, to the place of beginning.

(201.) SEC. II. The seat of justice of said county of Anoka is hereby located at the town of Anoka. Seat of govern- ment.

(202.) SEC. III. The said county of Anoka is hereby declared to be an organized county upon an equal footing with any or all other organized counties of this territory; and the first election for county officers shall take place at the next general election, and the same shall enter upon the discharge of their several duties at the time and in the manner prescribed by law: *provided*, that until said officers are so elected and qualified, the affairs of the county shall be administered by officers to be appointed by the governor. An organized county.

(203.) SEC. IV. The first board of county commissioners for said county of Anoka shall meet together on the second Tuesday after the date of taking their oath of office, and proceed to select some square, block, lot or lots, on which to erect the necessary public buildings for said county. Public buildings.

An Act to annex a portion of Mower to the County of Olmsted.

[Passed May 26, 1857.] *C. 88*

(204.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislative assembly of the territory of Minnesota:* That sections numbers one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), and six (6), in each of townships number one hundred and four (104) north, of ranges numbers fourteen (14) and fifteen (15), are hereby detached from the county of Mower and attached to the county of Olmsted. Certain sections taken from Mower and attached to Olmsted.

(205.) SEC. II. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Take effect.

An Act to establish the Boundaries of the County of Monroe.

[Passed March 20, 1858.] *C. 33*

(206.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits, be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Monroe: commencing at the south-west corner of township number thirty-six (36), and range twenty-seven (27) west; thence north on the range line between twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28), thirty miles to the north-west corner of township forty (40) north; thence east twelve miles to range line between twenty-five (25) and twenty-six (26); thence south eighteen miles to the township line between thirty-seven (37) and thirty-eight (38); thence east four miles; thence south twelve miles, to the township line between thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36); thence west sixteen miles to the place of beginning. The county seat is hereby temporarily located at the city of Princeton; and the said county of Monroe shall be attached to Benton, Stearns and Meeker counties for election purposes. Boundaries.

(207.) SEC. II. The governor shall appoint three suitable persons, who shall constitute a board of county commissioners for said county, who shall hold their offices until the next general election, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the said board of county commissioners shall have power to appoint all other county officers in and for said county; and said commissioners shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any other county in this state. Appoint commis- sioners.



Take effect.

(208.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after its adoption by the qualified voters of the original counties so affected.

An Act to establish the Boundaries of certain Counties and provide for their Organization.

[Passed March 18, 1858.] *Sp. Res. c 34*

Boundary.

(209.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits, be, and the same is hereby created into the county of "Otter Tail:" commencing at the south-west corner of township number one hundred and thirty-one, range thirty-six west; thence north on the range line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six, thirty-six miles, to the north-east corner of township one hundred and thirty-seven, range thirty-six; thence west to the Pelican river; thence down Pelican river through Pelican lake, and Lizzie and Prairie lakes, to the mouth of said river; thence south to the township line between townships one hundred and thirty and one hundred and thirty-one; thence east to the place of beginning. The county seat is hereby temporarily located at "Otter Tail city."

Boundary of Breckenridge.

(210.) SEC. II. That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits, be, and the same is hereby created into the county of "Breckenridge:" beginning at the north-west corner of Toombs county; thence down the Red river of the north to the mouth of Buffalo river; thence up the channel of said river to the range line between ranges forty-two and forty-three; thence south to Pelican lake; thence down Pelican river to the northern boundary of Toombs county; thence west to the place of beginning. The county seat of said county is hereby temporarily located at Shayenne city.

Boundary of Becker.

(211.) SEC. III. That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits, be, and the same is hereby created into the county of "Becker:" commencing at the north-east corner of Otter Tail county; thence north, on range line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six to the north-east corner of township one hundred and forty-two, range thirty-six; thence west, on township line to range line between ranges forty-two and forty-three; thence south, on range line to township line between townships one hundred and thirty-seven and one hundred and thirty-eight; thence east to the place of beginning. The county seat of said county of "Becker" is hereby temporarily located at "Detroit."

Commissioners.

(212.) SEC. IV. The governor of the state shall appoint three suitable persons a board of county commissioners for each of the counties named in this act, who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; and the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to appoint all other county officers for their respective counties, who shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts which the commissioners of other organized counties can do and perform.

An Act to define the North Line of Meeker County.

[Passed February 24, 1858.] *Sp. Res. c 45*

Boundary.

(213.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* Beginning at the north-east corner of township one hundred and twenty-two (122), range twenty-nine (29) west; thence due west on the township line between one hundred and twenty-two and one hundred and twenty-three (122 and 123) to the north-west corner of township one hundred and twenty-two (122), range thirty-three (33), west of the fifth principal meridian.

(214.) SEC. II. At the next general election, the electors of the counties of Meeker and Stearns shall vote for or against the adoption of said line. Vote on its adoption.

(215.) SEC. III. This act to take effect from and after its adoption.

An Act to establish the County of Kanabec.

[Passed March 13, 1858.]

*Spencer & Co. L.L.C.*

(216.) SEC. I. [As amended on page 395 of the private laws of 1858:] Boundaries of Kanabec.  
*Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much of the county of Pine and state of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Kanabec: beginning at the south-east corner of township thirty-eight (38), range twenty-three (23) west; thence west to the south-west corner of township thirty-eight (38), range twenty-five (25) west; thence north to the north-west corner of township forty (40), range twenty-five (25) west; thence east to the south-west corner of township forty-one (41), range twenty-four (24) west; thence north to the north-west corner of township forty-two (42), range twenty-four (24) west; thence east to the north-east corner of township forty-two (42), range twenty-two (22) west; thence south to the south-east corner of township forty-one (41), range twenty-two (22) west; thence west to the north-east corner of township forty (40), range twenty-three (23) west; thence south to the place of beginning. The county seat of said county is hereby located at Brunswick.

(217.) SEC. II. The governor shall appoint three suitable persons, who shall constitute a board of county commissioners for said county, who shall hold their offices until the next general election, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the said board of commissioners shall have power to appoint all other officers in and for said county; and said commissioners shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any other county in this state. County commissioners.  
Other officers.

(218.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect on and after its adoption by a majority of the electors of Pine county, at the next general election. Submission to a vote of the electors of their county.

An Act to define and establish the County Lines of Stearns County.

[Passed March 20, 1858.]

*1858 C. 62*

(219.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota,* That so much land as lies within the following limits shall be known as the county of Stearns: beginning at the point where the section line between sections seventeen (17) and twenty (20), in township one hundred and twenty-three (123), range twenty-seven (27), west of the fifth principal meridian strikes the Mississippi river; thence running west on the section line to the west line of said township one hundred and twenty-three (123); thence south on said west line to the south-west corner of said township one hundred and twenty-three (123); thence west on the township line between townships one hundred and twenty-two (122) and one hundred and twenty-three (123), in the several ranges, to the south-west corner of township one hundred and twenty-three (123), range thirty-five (35); thence running north between ranges thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36), west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and twenty-seven (127), range thirty-five (35); thence east on the township line between one hundred and twenty-seven (127), and one hundred and twenty-eight (128), in the several ranges, to a point where the said

lines strike the Mississippi river; thence following the banks of said river south to the place of beginning.

Southern boundary of the county.

(220.) SEC. II. That the southern boundary of Stearns county shall be the northern boundary of Wright county, from the point where said southern boundary touches the Mississippi river, to as far west as Wright county extends, and that the west line of Wright county be continued north until it meets the southern boundary of Stearns county, as herein defined.

Repeal of acts inconsistent.

(221.) SEC. III. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

(222.) SEC. IV. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

An Act to establish the County of Toombs.

[Passed March 18, 1858.]

Boundaries of the county.

(223.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embodied in the following limits be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Toombs: beginning at the junction of the Bois des Sioux river with the Red river of the North; thence down the main channel of said river on the boundary line of this state fifteen miles; thence in a line due east to the Pelican river; thence down the said river to its intersection with the Otter-Tail river, or Red River of the North; thence in a line due south to the Chippewa river; thence in a direct line to the mouth of Lake Travers; thence down the main channel of the Bois des Sioux river, on the boundary line of this state, to the place of beginning. The county-seat of said county is hereby located at Breckenridge.

County seat.

County commissioners.

(224.) SEC. II. The governor shall appoint three suitable persons who shall constitute a board of county commissioners for said county, who shall hold their offices until the next general election, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified; and the said board of commissioners shall have power to appoint all other county officers in and for said county; and said commissioners shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any other county in this state.

Other county officers.

Attached to fourth judicial district.

(225.) SEC. III. The said county shall be within the fourth judicial district.

An Act to establish the County of Kandiyohi.

[Passed March 20, 1858.]

Boundaries of Kandiyohi county.

(226.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota,* That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be and the same is hereby created into a separate county, to be known as the county of Kandiyohi, to wit: beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and seventeen (117), range thirty-three (33); thence running west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and seventeen (117), range thirty-six (36); thence north to the north-west corner of township one hundred and nineteen (119), range thirty-six (36); thence east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and nineteen (119), range thirty-three (33), and thence south to the place of beginning.

Kandiyohi the county seat; names of commissioners.

(227.) SEC. II. The county-seat of Kandiyohi county is hereby located at the town of Kandiyohi; and James C. Bright, John Johnson and Mangus Anderson are hereby appointed county commissioners for said county; and said county shall be attached to the twentieth representative district for election purposes.

(228.) SEC. III. The counties already organized, affected by the provisions of this act, shall vote at the next general election upon the changes of county boundaries proposed in this act.

(229.) SEC. IV. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

An Act to establish the Counties of Pembina and Polk.

[Passed July 20, 1858.]

(230.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following limits be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Pembina: commencing at a point on the east bank of the Red river, opposite to the mouth of Turtle river, and running east to the western boundary of Itasca county; thence north, following said boundary of Itasca county to the Lake of the Woods; thence west, following the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions, to the Red river; thence up said river to the place of beginning.

Boundaries of Pembina county.

(231.) SEC. II. That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits be, and the same is hereby created into the county of Polk: commencing at the south-west corner of Pembina county, and running up the Red river to the mouth of Buffalo river; thence easterly along the northern boundaries of Breckenridge and Becker counties to the north-east corner of Becker county; thence in a direct line to the head of Itasca Lake; thence northerly, following the western boundaries of Cass and Itasca counties to the south-east corner of Pembina county; thence west, to the place of beginning.

Boundaries of Polk county.

(232.) SEC. III. The county seat of Pembina county is hereby temporarily located at Saint Vincent, and the county seat of Polk county is hereby temporarily located at Douglas.

County seats.

(233.) SEC. IV. The governor of the state shall appoint three suitable persons a board of county supervisors for each of the above named counties, who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; and the supervisors to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to appoint all other officers for their respective counties, who shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts which the supervisors of other organized counties can do and perform.

County supervisors to be appointed by governor.

(234.) SEC. V. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

An Act to establish the County of Douglas.

[Passed March 8, 1858.]

(235.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much of the state of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Douglas: beginning at the north-east corner of township one hundred and thirty (130), north, of range thirty-six (36), west of the fifth principal meridian; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and thirty (130), north, of range forty (40) west; thence south between ranges forty (40) and forty-one (41) to the south-west corner of township one hundred and twenty-seven (127), north, of range forty (40) west; thence east to the south-east corner of township one hundred and twenty-seven (127), north, of range thirty-six (36) west; thence north between ranges thirty-five (35) and thirty-six (36) west, to the place of beginning.

Boundaries of the county.

(236.) SEC. II. The governor shall appoint three suitable persons

County commis-

sioners; term of office; other officers.

who shall act as the board of county commissioners for said county, who shall hold their office until the next general election, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified; and the said board of commissioners shall have power to appoint all other county officers, and said commissioners shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this state.

(237.) SEC. III. The said county of Douglas shall be included in the fourth judicial district.

County seat.

(238.) SEC. IV. The county seat of said county shall be temporarily located at Alexandria.

An Act to establish the County of Monongalia.

[Passed March 8, 1858.]

Boundaries of the county; see chap. 57.

(239.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much of the territory as is embraced within the following limits be and the same is hereby established as the county of Monongalia, viz: commencing on the line between Meeker and Renville counties, at the south-east corner of township one hundred and eighteen, north, of range thirty-three, west of fifth principal meridian; thence west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and eighteen, north, of range thirty-five west; thence due north thirty miles to the north-west corner of township one hundred and twenty-two, range thirty-five; thence east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and twenty-two, north, of range thirty-three west; thence south to the place of beginning.

Duties of the county commissioners.

(240.) SEC. II. That George C. Wilson, Newton Pierpoint, and William Wheeler, shall constitute a Board of County Commissioners for said county, with full power and authority to perform all the duties usually devolving upon such officers.

(241.) SEC. III. The said Commissioners shall, upon the second Monday after this act goes into effect, meet at the town of Irving, which is hereby made the county seat of said Monongalia county, and shall appoint a Register of Deeds and a Sheriff, who shall perform the duties usually allotted to such office, and continue in office until their successors shall have been elected at the next general election, and sworn in; and said sheriff shall qualify and give bonds according to the requirements of law.

To be included in 4th judicial district.

(242.) SEC. IV. The said county shall be included in the fourth judicial district.

Election by the voters of adjoining counties affected by the lines.

(243.) SEC. V. At the next general election, the electors of the several counties affected by the change shall vote for or against the organization of said county; and this act shall take effect from the time that such organization is assented to by a majority of the said electors.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish the County of Monongalia."

[Passed March 20, 1858.]

Boundaries.

(244.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That townships one hundred and twenty (120), one hundred and twenty-one (121), and one hundred and twenty-two (122), of range thirty-six (36), be added unto; and that townships one hundred and eighteen (118), and one hundred and nineteen (119), of ranges thirty-three (33), and thirty-four (34), be taken from the county of Monongalia; and said county shall be attached to the twentieth representative district for election purposes.

(245.) SEC. II. This act shall be in force from and after its provisions are adopted by the electors of the counties affected thereby.

An Act to establish the County of Wadena.

[Passed June 11, 1858.]

(246.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That so much territory as is embraced in the following described limits be, and the same is hereby created into the county of "Wadena," commencing at the south-west corner of township number one hundred and thirty-four, range thirty-five west; thence north on said range line, to the north-west corner of township number one hundred and thirty-eight; thence east on said township line, between township lines number one hundred and thirty-eight and one hundred and thirty-nine to range line, between ranges thirty-three and thirty-two; thence south on said range line to the south-east corner of township number one hundred and thirty-four, range thirty-three; thence west on township line, between townships number one hundred and thirty-three and one hundred and thirty-four to place of beginning. The county seat of said county of Wadena is hereby temporarily located at Wadena.

Boundaries and name of county.

(247.) SEC. II. The governor of the state shall appoint three suitable persons a board of county commissioners for the county named in this act, who shall hold their respective offices until the next general election, and until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified; and the commissioners to be appointed as aforesaid, shall have power to appoint all other county officers for their respective counties, who shall have full power and authority to do and perform all acts which the commissioners of other organized counties can do and perform.

Commissioners to be appointed by Governor.

An Act to amend the Boundary line between Scott and Dakota Counties.

[Passed June 11, 1858.]

(248.) SEC. I. *Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota:* That the present boundary line between Scott and Dakota counties, be amended as follows: commencing at the south-west corner of section thirty-six, in township one hundred and thirteen, north, of range twenty-one west; thence north on the section line to the south line of township twenty-seven, north, of range twenty-four west; thence east on town line to the corner of sections thirty-three and thirty-four of said township twenty-seven, north, of range twenty-four west; thence north on section line to the middle of the channel of the Minnesota river.

Boundary line amended.

(249.) SEC. II. All acts or parts of acts to the contrary are hereby repealed.

Repeal of conflicting acts.

(250.) SEC. III. This act shall take effect, *provided*, that a majority of the legal voters of Scott and Dakota counties shall vote in favor of the same at the next general election, according to the provisions of the constitution. And it is hereby made the duty of the registers of deeds in said counties to canvass and declare the result of said vote, and to send a copy of the same to the other county within fifty days thereafter.

Change in lines to be submitted to vote.

General Provisions concerning Counties. Chapter seven, Revised Statutes of 1851. (a)

(251.) SEC. I. Each county shall continue to be a body politic and corporate for the following purposes, to wit: to sue and be sued; to pur-

Each county to be a body politic, and their powers as such.

(a) The Township Organization Act, Article Fourteen of which is upon the corporate capacity of counties, modifies, to some extent, the following provisions. See page 204 of the General Laws of 1858, as also that article in this compilation under head of Township Organization.

chase and hold, for the public use of the county, lands lying within its own limits, and any personal estate; to make all necessary contracts, and to do all other necessary acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county.

Real and personal estate, when deemed property of county.

(252.) SEC. II. All real and personal estate heretofore conveyed, or which shall hereafter be conveyed by any form of conveyance, and duly acknowledged and recorded, to the inhabitants of any county, or to the county treasurer, or to any committee or other persons for the use and benefit of such county, shall be deemed to be the property of such county; and all such conveyances shall have the same force and effect as if they had been made to the inhabitants of such county, by their respective corporate names.

County commissioners may appoint agents to sell real estate.

(253.) SEC. III. The county commissioners, or other public officers having the charge and management of the county lands, may, by their order of record, appoint agents to sell any real estate of their county; and all deeds made in behalf of the inhabitants of the county by such agents under their proper hands and seals, and duly acknowledged and recorded, shall be sufficient, to all intents and purposes, to convey all the right, title, interest, and estate whatever, which the county may then have to the lands so conveyed.

Counties may provide for court houses, jails, offices, &c.

(254.) SEC. IV. Each county may, at the common expense of the county, provide suitable court houses, jails, fire-proof offices, and all other necessary public buildings for the use of the county.

If prisoner escape from insufficiency of jail, county liable.

(255.) SEC. V. In case of the escape of any prisoner by reason of the insufficiency of the jail whereby the sheriff shall be made liable to any party at whose suit such person was committed, or to whose use any forfeiture was adjudged against him, the county shall reimburse all sums of money recovered of the sheriff by such party on account of such escape.

Actions against a county, where to be commenced.

(256.) SEC. VI. All actions, local or transitory, against any county, may be commenced and prosecuted to final judgment in the district court of the county against which the action is brought.

Actions in favor of a county, where commenced.

(257.) SEC. VII. Any action, local or transitory, in which any county shall be plaintiff, may be commenced and prosecuted to final judgment in the county in which the defendant in such action resides. When any action shall be commenced against any county, a copy of the summons shall be left with the clerk of the board of county commissioners, either during a session of the board, or so that a session shall intervene between the day of leaving a copy of such summons and the return day thereof. There shall always be ten days between the service and return of every such summons in all actions brought by or against every county. The inhabitants of the county so suing, or being sued, may be jurors or witnesses, if otherwise competent or qualified according to law.

Process on whom served.

Actions between counties to be determined in the same manner as between individuals.

(258.) SEC. VIII. Whenever any controversy or cause of action shall exist between any of the counties of this territory, or between any county and the territory, or an individual or individuals, such proceedings shall be had for the purpose of trying and finally settling such controversy, and the same shall be conducted in the like manner, and the judgment or decree therein shall have the like effect as in suits or proceedings between individuals and corporations.

Name in which county shall sue and be sued.

(259.) SEC. IX. In all suits or proceedings by or against a county, the name in which the county shall sue or be sued, shall be the board of commissioners of the county of (the name of the county,) but this provision shall not prevent other county officers, when authorized by law, from suing in their name of office for the benefit of the county.

Duty of clerk of board of county commissioners.

(260.) SEC. X. In all legal proceedings against the board of commis-

sioners of any county, the process shall be served on the clerk of the said board, and whenever such suit or proceedings shall be commenced, it shall be the duty of the said clerk forthwith to notify the district attorney of the county thereof, and to lay before the board of commissioners, at their next annual meeting, all the information he may have in regard to such suit or proceedings.

(261.) SEC. XI. Any action in favor or against a county, which if prosecuted by or against an individual, could be prosecuted before a justice of the peace, may be prosecuted by or against such county in like manner before a justice of the peace.

Suits by or against counties may be brought before justice of the peace.

(262.) SEC. XII. In all suits or proceedings prosecuted by or against counties, or by or against county officers in their name of office, costs shall be recoverable as in suits between individuals.

Costs recoverable in all cases.

(263.) SEC. XIII. When any judgment shall be recovered against the board of commissioners of any county or against any county officer in an action prosecuted by or against him in his name of office, where the same should be paid by the county, no execution shall be awarded or issue upon such judgment, except as herein provided; the same, unless reversed, shall be levied and collected as other county charges, and when so collected, shall be paid by the county treasurer to the person in whose favor such judgment was rendered, upon the delivery of a proper voucher therefor; but if payment be not made within thirty days after the time the collector of taxes is required by law to make his return of county taxes, next after the rendition of such judgment, then and in that event, execution may be issued on such judgment: *provided*, that if at the time of the rendition of such judgment, there shall be sufficient funds belonging to the county in the treasury, it shall be the duty of the treasurer to pay the same upon application being made to him by the person in whose favor such judgment was rendered, his agent or attorney.

Execution against commissioners not to issue, except in certain cases.

CHAPTER 2.

COUNTY SEATS.

SECTION

1. On petition of one-half of voters of county commissioners shall give notice of vote on removal of county seat—one point only to be voted for; when located by vote, no vote to be again taken for three years.
2. Form of ballot to be voted.
3. Manner of canvassing the votes.

SECTION

4. Votes on county seats to be governed by this act.
5. County seat being removed, county officers to remove to new location within twenty days.
6. Special acts of this session repealed.
7. Act takes effect on passage.

An Act to provide for the location of the County Seats in the Counties of this State.

(Passed March 18, 1858.)

(1.) SECTION I. [As amended by general laws of 1858, page 101:]

Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Minnesota, That when a number of legal voters of any county in this state equal to one-half the highest number of votes cast at the next preceding general election, in such county,

Petition for vote.

*See 6 Minn. Stat. 1125*