

CITY ORDINANCES.

AN ORDINANCE regulating the Revenue of the City of Little Rock.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Little Rock, That it shall be and is hereby made the duty of the Recorder of said City, to obtain, within thirty days from and after the date of this ordinance, from the Mayor of said City, a complete list of all arrears of taxes heretofore assessed in the Town of Little Rock, and now remaining unpaid; and of arrears of taxes, fines and forfeitures remaining unpaid to said Town, and a complete list of the delinquents who have failed to pay the same or any of them or any part thereof; and it shall be the duty of the said Recorder, within ten days after the receipt of said lists, to furnish the City Constable of said City with a full and complete transcript of said list, wherein each such delinquent and the sum due by him shall be specified, and to take the receipt of said Constable for the same.*

Sec. 2. *And be it further ordained, That the said Constable shall receive such list or lists and receipt therefor as aforesaid, and proceed forthwith to collect all such arrears, and to render to the City Treasurer on or before the first day of July next a full account of all collections made by him accordingly, specifying in his said account all arrears which cannot be collected, and from what cause, and pay over to the said Treasurer all moneys so by him collected, and take the receipt of the said Treasurer for said payment; and that the said account so presented by the said Constable shall be countersigned by the said Treasurer, and presented to the City Council at their first sitting thereafter, for approval and final settlement.*

Sec. 3. *And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of every free white male and female, above the age of twenty-one years, residing within the limits of the City of Little Rock, on or before the first day of February in each year, to give in to the Recorder of said City a complete schedule of all lands, tenements, buildings, negroes, horses and cattle owned and possessed by him or her by complete title of whatever kind, within the limits of said City, and also of all slaves in his or her possession within the limits of said City by lease, hire or otherwise, and the amount and value of all goods, wares and merchandise kept for sale by him or her within the limits of said City, which said schedule shall be sworn or affirmed to before the said Recorder, by the said person so rendering it in.*

Sec. 4. *And be it further ordained, That in case any person shall fail to give in such schedule on or before the said first day of February in any year, or in case the said Recorder shall believe that the said schedule is incorrect and fraudulent, it shall be the duty of the said Recorder to examine and appraise the property of such person who may so have failed to give in his schedule, or may have given it in fraudulently, and shall have power to summon and examine witnesses therein, by the process of the City Court, and the said Recorder shall make out a complete schedule of said property; and the said Recorder shall thereupon assess the City tax on the same to double the rates heretofore to be established by this ordinance as a City tax.*

Sec. 5. *And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the said Recorder in taking the assessment of property, persons and things in said City, to value all of the lands and tenements, negroes and other personal property in said City, and to make out, on or before the first day of April, a full and complete list of all free white males above the age of twenty-one years, not having taxable property in said City, and of all female whites owning property in said City, and above the age of twenty-one years; and of the different species of property possessed by each in said City, and the value of each, and calculate the City taxes thereon as follows: For each free white male as aforesaid above, over the age of twenty-one and under fifty-five years, a poll tax of one dollar; on all lands, tenements, negroes and personal property held in said City, one eighth per cent. on the value thereof. And the said Recorder shall add to the said list the names of all free negroes or mulattoes residing in said City, not having taxable property, above the age of twenty-one years, whether male or female, and assess a poll tax for each to one dollar.*

Sec. 6. *And be it further ordained, That there shall be levied a tax of twenty dollars, for every six months, on every stand in the City of Little Rock, used and occupied as a store or grocery; and there shall likewise be levied a tax of five dollars for every month upon every trading boat vending produce and merchandise not the growth and manufacture of the said Territory of Arkansas, at any of the landings of said City; and there shall likewise be levied a tax not exceeding thirty dollars for every year, upon every stand which may be licensed by the City Court to retailers of spirituous liquors within said City; and there shall likewise be levied a tax of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars for one year, upon every stand used and occupied as a tavern within said City; and there shall likewise be levied a tax of twenty dollars for six months, upon each and every pedler, hawk or itinerant merchant, who shall enter the City of Little Rock for the purpose of selling any goods, wares or merchandise of any description, not the growth or manufacture of this Territory; and there shall likewise be levied a tax of twenty dollars for every six months, upon each auctioneer who shall sell goods, wares or merchandise at auction within the City of Little Rock; and the City Court of said City shall grant a license to sell goods, wares and merchandise, to every person who shall apply for the same; and also to the master or owner of every trading boat vending produce and merchandise at any of the landings of said City; and shall, in its discretion, grant a license to any person or persons applying therefor, to retail spirituous liquors, or to keep a tavern, peddle, or sell goods, wares and merchandise at auction, in said City; and every person or persons applying for a license as aforesaid, for any of the purposes aforesaid, shall, before obtaining the same, pay into the Treasury of said City, or to the City Constable, such tax as may be imposed upon him, her or them, by said Court, under the provisions of law or by virtue of this ordinance, and shall file with the Clerk of said Court the receipt therefor of the Treasurer or City Constable; and the said City Court shall, in its discretion, cause blank licenses to be issued by the Clerk for merchants, trading boats, pedlars and auctioneers, and to be placed in the hands of the City Constable, who shall, upon application of any person or persons therefor, and upon the tax levied thereupon being paid to him as aforesaid, fill up the same to such person or persons, according to law; and every license given by the Constable, as aforesaid, shall be as effectual as if the same had been issued to such person or persons by the express order of said Court.*

and said Constable shall, on the receipt of such blank licenses as aforesaid, be charged with the amount thereof, and shall, on his settlement of his accounts, be credited with the amount of as many of them as shall remain in his hands unsold, and shall be returned by him to the Treasurer of said City.

Sec. 7. *And be it further ordained, That every person owning any dog or slat on the first day of January next, or on the first day of January in every year thereafter, and suffering the same to run at large in said City, shall pay to the said Constable on or before the first day of February next, and on or before the first day of February in every year thereafter, the sum of one dollar for each dog or slat so owned by him, and take the receipt of said Constable for the same, on presentation of which receipt to the said Recorder, it is hereby made the duty of the said Recorder to give him a certificate that said tax has been paid; and any person having in his possession and suffering to go at large, any dog or slat, without having paid said tax, after the first day of February next, or after the first day of February in every year thereafter, shall forfeit and pay for the use of said City, the sum of five dollars, to be recovered by said Constable by action of debt in said City Court.*

Sec. 8. *And be it further ordained, That every vendor of goods, wares and merchandise, or groceries, within the City of Little Rock; and every owner or master of any trading boat, vending produce and merchandise not the growth or manufacture of the Territory of Arkansas, at any of the landings of said City; and every retailer of spirituous liquors within said City; and every tavern keeper within said City; and every pedler, hawk, or itinerant merchant who shall enter said City for the purpose of selling any goods, wares, or merchandise of any description, not the growth or manufacture of said Territory of Arkansas; and every auctioneer who shall sell goods, wares and merchandise at auction, in said City, shall, before he, she or they shall sell or offer for sale, or in any manner exhibit or expose for sale any goods, wares or merchandise, or spirituous liquors, or keep any tavern within the City of Little Rock, obtain a license therefor, as is provided in the foregoing sections of this ordinance, and if any person or persons shall sell or offer for sale, or in any manner exhibit or expose for sale any goods, wares or merchandise, or spirituous liquors, or keep any tavern within said City of Little Rock, without having first obtained a license therefor, as is provided in the foregoing sections of this ordinance, every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt founded on this ordinance, in the name of "the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Little Rock," and it shall be the duty of the City Constable to give information to the City Solicitor of all offences against this ordinance; and it shall be the duty of said Solicitor, upon such information being given, or upon such fact otherwise coming to his knowledge, to file a complaint, in writing, in the office of the Clerk of said City Court, against such offender or offenders, for any such forfeiture or forfeitures incurred as aforesaid, and to obtain from the Clerk of said Court a writ of capias ad respondendum endorsed thereon; and it shall be the duty of said Clerk to endorse on such writ that bail is required in the sum of two hundred dollars; and all such writs shall be executed by the City Constable, and shall be returnable to the City Court, at the next term thereof after the date of said writ, if issued five days or more before any term thereof, otherwise the same shall be returnable to the second term of said Court after the date thereof; and the Constable, in executing any such writ, shall take good and sufficient bail of such defendant or defendants in the sum endorsed on such writ; and if such defendant or defendants named in such process shall neglect or refuse to give such bail as aforesaid, he, she or they so neglecting or refusing to give bail, shall be committed to prison, there to remain to answer the complaint aforesaid, until he, she or they shall be discharged therefrom by due course of law; provided, that every retailer of merchandise shall be at liberty to sell the residue of any goods, wares and merchandise which he, she or they may at any time have on hand at the expiration of any license taken as aforesaid, if the same shall not exceed the value of two hundred dollars, without incurring the forfeiture aforesaid.*

Sec. 9. *And be it further ordained, That all taxes, license taxes, fines and forfeitures, and costs, accruing to the use of said City or its officers, shall be paid in lawful money of the United States or current bank notes.*

Sec. 10. *And be it further ordained, That in all cases where any person shall incur any forfeiture such as is provided in the eighth section of this ordinance, the City Solicitor shall prosecute the same, and receive as his fee in each case where recovery is had, the sum of eight dollars, to be taxed with the other costs in said case, and collected by execution; and in all cases under the seventh section, where recovery is had, the sum of two dollars, to be taxed and collected in like manner; and the Recorder, under the fourth section of this act, (ordinance,) shall receive the sum of two dollars for his services, to be superadded to the tax in each case.*

Sec. 11. *And be it further ordained, That there shall be a perpetual lien on all lands and tenements in the said City of Little Rock, upon which a tax has been or may be imposed by this ordinance, or any previous or future ordinance of said City, for the payment of the taxes or arrears of taxes which are now due or may hereafter become due thereon, and that such lien shall not be affected, impaired or destroyed by any sale, mortgage, or transfer thereof whatsoever.*

Sec. 12. *And be it further ordained, That in all cases where the Constable cannot find sufficient personal property whereon to levy and make distress for the payment of the taxes chargeable on any property in the said City, it shall and may be lawful for the Constable to sell any lands or tenements owned by the person so owing such taxes, or so much thereof as will be sufficient to pay the amount of City taxes due thereon; and that all sales of lands and tenements, or lots, for taxes as aforesaid, shall be at the Courtroom door in the City of Little Rock, on the first Monday of November annually, and the said Constable shall, previous to such sale, give notice thereof at least sixty days previous to the day of sale, by advertisement in some newspaper printed in Little Rock, and by an advertisement*

ment put up at the Courtroom door in the City of Little Rock, at least sixty days before the day of sale, stating in such advertisement the name of the person or persons charged with such taxes, the time and place of sale, and the lands and tenements or lots to be sold, and the amount of taxes chargeable thereon; and the Constable shall give to the purchaser a certificate of the land sold, describing therein the land or lots chargeable with such taxes; and if less than the whole of any tract be sold, the part so sold shall be taken as near as may be in a square, and shall adjoin one of the outlines or corners of the tract or lot, so as not to include an improvement if to be avoided, and a designation of the part so sold shall be made by the Constable at the time of sale; and when any tract of land or lot offered for sale for the payment of taxes shall not be sold for the want of bidders, or will not sell for the taxes and costs due thereon, it shall be struck off to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Little Rock, and they shall be considered the purchaser thereof, and it shall be the duty of the Constable making such sale, to give them a certificate of the land sold, as in other cases of lands or lots by him sold for taxes.

Sec. 13. *And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the City Constable making such sale, or any of his successors in office, on being presented with any such certificate of purchase as aforesaid, to convey the land in such certificate mentioned to such purchaser, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, by deed in due form of law executed, which deed shall vest in the purchaser, his heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, claim and interest of all and every person or persons whatsoever; provided, that if any person or persons shall, within twelve months from and after the day of sale, pay or tender to the said purchaser, or the legal representatives of such purchaser, the amount of taxes, together with the costs of sale, and one hundred per cent. interest per annum on the same, and likewise pay to the purchaser, or his legal representatives, for all improvements thereon made by such purchaser or his legal representatives, at their just and real value, the lands shall therefrom be discharged and redeemed from such sale; and provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered as a bar to the right or equity of redemption which any infant, person of unsound mind, in captivity, or beyond the limits of the United States, or in the military service of the United States, may have in the land so sold, provided the tax on said land, together with the interest thereon, and an equitable compensation for improvements made thereon, be tendered to the purchaser or his legal representatives, within one year after such disabilities are removed.*

Sec. 14. *And be it further ordained, That all sales of any land or lots whatsoever, made by the Constable or other proper officer, for taxes as aforesaid, shall be deemed good and valid in whose name soever the same shall be taxed or sold, without the person or persons contesting the validity thereof shall shew that the taxes thereon, and for which the same was sold, had actually been paid previous to the sale, which, in all cases, shall be the first thing required of any one attempting to set aside the sale of land for taxes.*

Sec. 15. *And be it further ordained, That immediately on receipt of the tax lists heretofore mentioned, the Constable shall proceed to collect the same, and in case the same or any of them are not paid within thirty days after demand, he shall proceed to distraint for the said taxes.*

Sec. 16. *And be it further ordained, That the compensation of the Recorder, for his services as Assessor, shall be four per cent. on the whole amount of property assessed by him in said City; and that the compensation of said Constable, as Collector, shall be six per cent. on all moneys by him collected for taxes and licenses; and the said Constable shall be authorized to retain the amount of his said compensation, upon his receipting therefor to the Treasurer; and the said Recorder shall receive his said compensation upon an order of the Common Council on the Treasurer therefor, which said order, signed by the Mayor, shall be a sufficient voucher for the said Treasurer; and the compensation of the Treasurer shall be two and one half per cent. on all moneys received and disbursed by him as Treasurer, exclusive of the said compensation of the said Treasurer, Constable, and Recorder.*

Sec. 17. *And be it further ordained, That this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after its passage.*

APPROVED, Dec. 17, 1835.

AN ORDINANCE concerning Slaves, and free Negroes and Mulattoes.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Little Rock, That no slave or free negro or mulatto whatsoever shall keep or carry, within the limits of said City, any gun, pistol, or other fire arm of any kind whatsoever, or any knife, dirk, club or any weapon of offence or defence whatsoever, or any powder, balls or shot; and that any and every such weapon, and any and all such ammunition found in the possession or custody of any negro or mulatto, may be seized by any person, and upon motion before the City Court of said City, and due proof that such weapon or ammunition was so seized as aforesaid, it shall be forfeited to the seizure, and the fact so stated of record; and moreover it shall be the duty of the City Constable, when it shall come to his knowledge that any such weapon or ammunition is in possession of any negro or mulatto, to seize the same, and to take the said negro or mulatto in whose possession it is found, before the City Court, if in session, and if not, before some Justice of the Peace in said City, and upon conviction of said offence the said negro or mulatto shall receive thirty lashes on his or her bare back, well laid on, for every such offence; provided, that any free negro or mulatto who is a housekeeper within said City, may be allowed to keep one gun and ammunition therefor, by obtaining a license for that purpose from the City Court, which license may be granted upon giving bond and security for good behavior as in this ordinance hereinafter provided, and by paying to the City Treasurer the sum of five dollars for said license.*

Sec. 2. *If any master, mistress or overseer of a family within the limits of said City, shall knowingly permit or suffer any slave not belonging to him or her to be and remain on his or her premises, or at his or her house, above four hours at one time, without leave of the owner or overseer of said slave, he or she so offending shall forfeit and pay three dollars for every such offence; and if any person within the limits of said City shall permit more than four slaves to assemble on his or her premises at one time, after night, under any pretext whatsoever, unless employed by him or her in some labor or business, every person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every such offence; and the fines accruing under this section shall be imposed by the City Court on motion of the City Solicitor, (without written declaration,) and due proof thereof.*

Sec. 3. *There shall be no meetings of slaves held in this City after dark, on any pretext whatever, and every such meeting is hereby declared unlawful; and every meeting of slaves in the day time, unless it be to attend public worship, or when they meet by license of their owner or overseer, is also declared unlawful; and it is hereby ordained that every slave found at any such unlawful meeting, shall be whipped, on information thereof, by order of the City Court, if in session, and if not, by order of any Justice of the Peace in said City, not exceeding thirty nine lashes, for every such offence: And whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Constable of said City, that any such unlawful meeting is holding, he shall forthwith proceed to disperse the same, giving to every slave so found thereat, more than ten lashes, at his discretion; or may report the names of all the slaves present to the City Court, or to some Justice of the Peace in said City, as the case may require, who shall thereupon order the punishment hereinbefore provided.*

Sec. 4. *If any white person, or free negro or mulatto shall be found in company with slaves at any such unlawful meeting, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every such offence, and in default of payment, receive thirty nine lashes, together with the costs of sale, and one hundred per cent. interest per annum on the same, and likewise pay to the purchaser, or his legal representatives, for all improvements thereon made by such purchaser or his legal representatives, at their just and real value, the lands shall therefrom be discharged and redeemed from such sale; and provided, that nothing herein contained shall be considered as a bar to the right or equity of redemption which any infant, person of unsound mind, in captivity, or beyond the limits of the United States, or in the military service of the United States, may have in the land so sold, provided the tax on said land, together with the interest thereon, and an equitable compensation for improvements made thereon, be tendered to the purchaser or his legal representatives, within one year after such disabilities are removed.*

Sec. 5. *If any person preaching to slaves in this City, shall use any seditious or inflammatory language, or shall attempt to excite hatred or contempt in said slaves for their masters or owners, on information thereof being given on oath to the Recorder, he shall issue a Capias against such person, returnable to the next term of the City Court, requiring bail with sufficient security in the sum of one hundred dollars; or on information as aforesaid given to any Justice of the Peace in said City, it shall be the duty of the said Justice to recognize the said offender, with sufficient security, in the said sum of one hundred dollars, to appear at the next term of said Court; and in default of such bail or recognisance being given, such offender shall be committed to jail until the next term of said Court: And it is further ordained, that, on conviction of said offence, which shall be by indictment, before the said City Court, the said person so convicted shall be fined not less than one hundred, nor more than three hundred dollars, and imprisoned not more than twelve months.*

Sec. 6. *No person shall buy or receive of or from any slave any commodity whatever in this City, unless the said slave shall produce a written permit from his or her master, mistress or overseer, authorizing them to sell the same article specifically; and any person offending against the provisions of this section, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by motion of the Solicitor, upon proof of the offence, before the City Court, and shall also be liable to the master or owner of said slave as is now provided by law.*

Sec. 7. *If any slave, after the passage of this ordinance, shall be found in this City, selling or offering for sale any article of any kind whatever, without a written permit from his or her master, owner or overseer, specifying what articles said slave is allowed by him or her to sell, it shall be the duty of the City Constable to apply to the Recorder, who shall thereupon issue a Capias against said slave; or the said Constable may take said slave before any Justice of the Peace in said City, who shall, on proof of said offence, commit the said slave to the jail of said City, unless some free person of sufficient estate shall give bail in the sum of fifty dollars, for said slave's appearance at the next term of the City Court to be held thereafter: And on motion of the Solicitor, and proof of said offence, the said slave shall be whipped by order of said Court, not exceeding thirty nine lashes.*

Sec. 8. *If any citizen of this City shall permit any slave belonging to him or her, or in his or her possession, to hire their own time, or shall receive a certain sum per week or for any other specified time from such slave, or shall hire out any slave to another slave or to a free negro or mulatto, (unless such free negro or mulatto shall previously have given security for good behavior, as hereinafter provided); every such person so offending shall be fined in the sum of fifty dollars, on motion of the Solicitor, before the City Court, for every slave so suffered to offend.*

Sec. 9. *No slave shall be suffered to remain in or to loiter about this City, who does not belong to, or is not hired to, a citizen thereof; and it hereby made the duty of the Constable, whenever any slave is found to have been loitering about this City more than twenty-four hours, whose owner does not reside herein, or who is not bona fide hired to a citizen of this City, to apprehend the said slave, and take him or her before some Justice of the Peace in said City, who shall commit him or her to the jail in said City, unless bailed by some responsible free man; and at the next term of said Court, the master or owner of said slave shall be fined ten dollars, on motion, and said slave shall be hired out in case of non payment, until such fine be paid.*

Sec. 10. *No slave, free negro or mulatto shall be allowed to appear in the streets of this City after nine o'clock in the evening, without a pass from their master, owner or employer; and it is hereby made the duty of the Constable of this City to inflict ten stripes upon every slave, negro or mulatto offending against the provisions of this section.*

Sec. 11. *If any negro or mulatto, bond or free, shall at any time, within the limits of this City, assault or strike any white man or woman, he or she so offending shall be liable to the City Court, and shall be fined not less than thirty dollars, on motion of the City Court, and the said party aggrieved shall be entitled to recover his or her costs.*

Sec. 12. *If any white person, free negro or mulatto shall knowingly harbor or receive any slave or slave within the limits of this City, or encourage any slave therein to run*

away, or aid and abet such slave by supplying him or her with provisions, clothing or any other thing, such person, on motion before the City Court, and due proof, shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of ten dollars, one half of which shall go to the informant, and in default of payment shall receive twenty lashes.

Sec. 13. *No slave, free negro or mulatto shall hereafter be allowed any licence for selling liquor, or keeping tavern or coffee house in this City, neither shall any slave, free negro or mulatto hereafter sell liquor in this City under and by any license granted in the name of any white citizen of said City; and if any white citizen shall hereafter obtain in his own name any license for the purpose of enabling any slave, free negro or mulatto to sell liquor, or to keep tavern, grocery or coffee house, such white person shall, upon conviction thereof before the City Court, be fined one hundred dollars, and all the costs of said conviction.*

Sec. 14. *It shall be the duty of the Constable of the City of Little Rock to take bond annually with two sufficient securities, of each free negro or mulatto residing within the limits of said City, over the age of sixteen years, of either sex, conditioned that the said negro or mulatto shall in all respects conduct himself or herself as a good citizen, for the term of one year from the first of January next, and from the first day of January of every year thereafter, and that he or she shall not frequent any meetings or gatherings of slaves, or aid or abet any slave or slaves in any reasonable or evil practices, or harbor or protect any runaway slave or slaves; and in case of any free negro or mulatto in said City neglecting or refusing to give such bond, up to the fifteenth day of January in any year, he or she so failing to give such bond shall be esteemed and is hereby declared to be a vagrant, and the said Constable shall give information of the same to the City Solicitor, who shall thereupon prosecute the said negro or mulatto as a vagrant before the said City Court, and upon the said facts being proven to the said Court, the said negro or mulatto shall be delivered to the said Constable, to be hired out to the highest bidder for the term of one year; and of the amount of said hire ten dollars shall be paid to the said Solicitor, and ten per cent. of the said hire to the said City, and the costs of said suit, and the remainder shall be paid to the said negro or mulatto after the expiration of the year; and this ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.*

APPROVED, Dec. 19, 1835.

AN ORDINANCE concerning Salaries.

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Little Rock, That the salary of the City Judge shall be three hundred dollars per year, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury; provided, that the City Judge for every term of said Court which he shall fail to hold according to law, shall forfeit the sum of fifty dollars, which shall be deducted from his salary aforesaid, unless he shall satisfy the Common Council of his inability from sickness to hold any term of said Court as aforesaid, in which case he shall not incur the forfeiture aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the Recorder to file a certificate of the fact of such failure to the Treasurer, within ten days after the same shall occur, and thereupon the City Treasurer shall withhold the payment of so much of the salary of such Judge as he shall have forfeited as aforesaid, and such certificate shall be a sufficient authority for the Treasurer's refusal to pay the same as aforesaid. And the salary of the City Treasurer shall be fifteen dollars per year in full payment for all services, exclusive of the commission now allowed him for monies received and disbursed by him, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury. And the salary of the City Recorder shall be twenty-five dollars per year, in full payment for all services for which no other compensation is provided by law or ordinance, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury. And the salary of the City Constable, in full payment for all services for which no other compensation is specially provided by law or ordinance, shall be thirty dollars per year, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury. And the salary of the City Solicitor, exclusive of all fees allowed him by law or ordinance, and in full payment for all services, for which no other fee is specially allowed him by law or ordinance, shall be sixty dollars per year, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury; and the salary of the Superintendent of the public streets, in full payment for all services, for which no specific fee is or shall be allowed him by law, shall be the sum of fifty dollars, to be paid quarterly out of the City Treasury.*

Sec. 2. *And be it further ordained, That no money shall be drawn from the City Treasury without the previous order of the Common Council, or an appropriation thereof by law or ordinance duly made by said Council. And that this Ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage.*

APPROVED, Dec. 21, 1835.

LAWS OF ARKANSAS.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

AN ACT appointing Commissioners to superintend the building of a Court House and Jail in the town of Columbia for the benefit of the citizens of Chicot County.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That Anthony H. Davis, James Estlin, Samuel A. Walker, Horace T. Walworth, and William McD. Pettit, be, and they are hereby, appointed Commissioners to superintend the building of a Court House and Jail in the town of Columbia.*

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners before entering on the duties of their office, shall, before the Judge of the County Court, or some Justice of the Peace of the proper county, take an oath of affirmation, faithfully and diligently to execute the trust in them by this act reposed.*

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted, That the said Commissioners shall, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, determine on the dimensions and location of the building to be erected, and by an advertisement put up in each and every township in said county, for at least twenty days, and by an advertisement published in any newspaper published in the Territory, or any of the adjoining States, as they may think proper, for such time as they may deem necessary, that they the said Commissioners will, at the town of Columbia, on such day or days as they may agree on, (mentioning said day in the advertisement,) let out to the lowest bidder or bidders the building of said court house and jail, describing therein the dimensions and kind of said buildings, reserving the privilege of rejecting bids deemed too high, and when the whole or any part of said work is let out, take bonds in their names, and the names of their successors in office for the use of the county, with good security, for the faithful performance of the respective contracts of each and every undertaker.*

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted, That the former commissioners of the said county of Chicot, shall pay over and deliver to the said Commissioners, all monies by them collected as commissioners aforesaid, and also all bonds, notes and obligations by them taken on account of lots sold, together with a fair map of said town, at which time their duties as commissioners shall cease.*

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted, That the commissioners hereby appointed, be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to collect all monies that are or may be due to said commissioners on account of lots heretofore sold, and should it be insufficient to complete said buildings, it shall be the duty of said commissioners to lay before the county court a statement of the amount, and the manner in which it has been expended, and they are duly authorized to call on the county treasury for the deficit: Provided, however, that the whole costs of the said buildings shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.*

Sec. 6. *Be it further enacted, That the said commissioners, created by this act, shall, as soon as may be practicable, obtain the title to the land donated to the county of Chicot, and on which the town of Columbia has been laid out, in their own names and the names of their successors as commissioners as aforesaid, and to execute titles to all lots heretofore sold by the commissioners as aforesaid.*

Sec. 7. *Be it further enacted, That if the amount of money now in the treasury of the county of Chicot, should be insufficient to carry into effect the foregoing provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the county court on the report of the commissioners to that effect, to levy an additional tax on lands and negroes, not to exceed twenty-five per cent. on the present rate of taxation for county purposes, which tax shall be collected by the sheriff in the same manner that other taxes are now collected, and paid into the county treasury, and placed to the credit of said commissioners.*

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted, That if any vacancy or vacancies should arise in the office of commissioners, it shall be the duty of the judge of the county court of said county, to fill such vacancy by appointment, and the person or persons so appointed, shall, in every respect comply with the requisitions of this act.*

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts, repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be, and they are hereby, repealed.*

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect, and be in force, from and after its passage.*

APPROVED, October 27, 1835.

AN ACT to secure the property of Females.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That from and after the passage of this act, the property, both real and personal, possessed by any woman, or to which she may in any manner be entitled at the time of her marriage, or which may be decreed to, willed to, or be given to her, before or after her marriage, shall not be subject to the payment of the debts or damages, contracted or incurred by the husband at any time before marriage.*

APPROVED, November 2, 1835.

AN ACT to designate the Southern Boundary line of the County of Johnson, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That the Southern Boundary line of the county of Johnson, shall be designated as follows, to wit: beginning on the top of the ridge that divides the waters of Arkansas river and Pettit Jean bayou, where range lines twenty-five and twenty-six cross said ridge, and thence east with said ridge, so far as a line due north will strike the beginning of the county of Johnson, heretofore laid off.*

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted, That the citizens living within the limits of range twenty-three; which being east of the county of Scott, shall be subject to pay their Territorial and county taxes for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, to the sheriff of the county of Pope.*

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect, and be in force, from and after the passage thereof.*

APPROVED, November 2, 1835.

AN ACT supplementary to an act passed at the present session of the General Assembly, entitled an act to designate the boundary line of Scott County.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Territory of Arkansas, That in all prosecutions, both of a civil and criminal nature, pending in the circuit courts in the counties of Crawford and Johnson, at the taking effect of this act, against any person residing or being in the county of Scott, established by an act to which this is a supplement, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff or prosecuting attorney to procure from the clerks of said counties of Crawford and Johnson, a certified transcript of all records and proceedings in such case, and deposit and other papers on file in his office relative to the trial of such case, and file the same with the clerk of the circuit court of Scott county, ten days before the sitting of the first circuit court to be holden in said county of Scott, which transcripts so filed, will be considered as a record of the county of Scott, and the circuit court of said county of Scott shall proceed to try the same.*

(Remainder on last page.)

**AN ORDINANCE concerning Slaves, and
free Negroes and Mulattos.**

Sec. 1. *Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Little Rock,* That no slave or free negro or mulatto whatsoever shall keep or carry, within the limits of said City, any gun, pistol or other fire arm of any kind whatsoever, or any knife, dirk, club or any weapon of offence or defence whatsoever, or any powder, balls or shot; and that any and every such weapon, and any and all such ammunition found in the possession or custody of any negro or mulatto, may be seized by any person, and upon motion before the City Court of said City, and due proof that such weapon or ammunition was so seized as aforesaid, it shall be forfeited to the seizer, and the fact so stated of record; and moreover it shall be the duty of the City Constable, when it shall come to his knowledge that any such weapon or ammunition is in possession of any negro or mulatto, to seize the same, and to take the said negro or mulatto in whose possession it is found, before the City Court, if in session, and if not, before some Justice of the Peace in said City, and upon conviction of said offence the said negro or mulatto shall receive thirty lashes on his or her bare back, well laid on, for every such offence; *provided,* that any free negro or mulatto who is a house-keeper within said City, may be allowed to keep one gun and ammunition therefor, by obtaining a license for that purpose from the City Court, which license may be granted upon giving bond and security for good behavior as in this ordinance hereinafter provided, and by paying to the City Treasurer the sum of five dollars for said license.