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## Chapter 11.

AN ACT additional in relation to special administrators.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Such special administrator as may be appointed according to the provisions of the one hundred and seventh chapter of the revised statutes, may be liable to an action by any creditor of the deceased, whenever the judge of probate, by whom such special administrator was appointed, shall, upon application being made to him, decree, that such creditor of the deceased, shall be empowered to institute an action for the payment of his debt, against a special administrator, any thing in the seventeenth section of the one hundred and seventh chapter of the revised statutes to the contrary notwithstanding.

Special administrators liable to an action by decree of judge of probate.

[Approved March 20, 1843.]

## Chapter 12.

AN ACT providing for the admission of attorneys and for regulating the practice of the same in the judicial courts in this state.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECT. 1. Any citizen of this state of good moral character, on application to the supreme court, shall be admitted to practice as an attorney in the judicial courts in this state.

Qualification for admission as attorneys.

SECT. 2. Every party in a cause, prosecution, or suit, may appear, plead, pursue and defend in his proper person, or by any citizen of good moral character, who may produce in court a letter of attorney for that purpose.

Requisites to defend suits in court.

[Approved March 20, 1843.]

## Chapter 13.

AN ACT to increase the duties of sheriffs and their deputies.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

The sheriffs and their deputies in the several counties in this state, are hereby authorized and empowered to administer the necessary oaths to appraisers of real estate, to be by them set off on execution, and it shall be the duty of such sheriff and deputy

To administer oaths to appraisers of real estate, without fees.

**CHAP. 14.** sheriffs, to administer such oaths without fees, either directly or indirectly, for such administration; and this act shall take effect from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved March 21, 1843.]

### Chapter 14.

AN ACT regulating voting by proxy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Owners of shares in corporate property, to be represented by proxy.

SECT. 1. It is, and shall be lawful, for all stockholders, or owners of shares, in any incorporated company, instituted under the laws of this state, to be represented at all meetings of said corporations by their authorized proxies or agents.

Date of proxy.

SECT. 2. All proxies shall be dated, not exceeding thirty days, anterior to the meeting for which they are intended, which meeting shall be particularly expressed therein; and which proxy shall become void and of no effect whenever all the articles, mentioned in the warrant for calling the meeting, shall have been acted on, or disposed of; or at the final adjournment of said meeting. *Provided always*, that the rights of individual stockholders, are hereby in no wise affected or abridged from representation, by their authorized agents under general powers of attorney; but such power of attorney shall be recognized as valid, until revoked.

When void.

Rights of stockholders not affected.

Power of attorney valid until revoked.

Shares pledged not represented by pledgor.

SECT. 3. All shares pledged or hypothecated, to any corporation, shall cease to be represented by the pledgor, or any other person, so long as the same remains so pledged or hypothecated.

Number of proxies limited,

SECT. 4. No person shall be allowed to give a greater number of votes at any meeting, by virtue of one, or more proxies, or powers of attorney by him held, than the highest number of votes that any member of said corporation may be entitled to give, in his own right, pursuant to the by-laws of said corporation.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

[Approved March 21, 1843.]