

AN ACT *concerning Indictments and presentments.*

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and house of Representatives, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That where two or more persons shall be indicted for the same trespass or misdemeanor no more costs shall be allowed than if it were against one only.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted that in all cases of Treason, murder or felony no prosecutor shall hereafter be required.

SEC. 3. That in all cases of indictments or presentments for trespass or misdemeanor where the presentment or indictment shall be made from the knowledge of two of the grand Jury, or upon information of a conservator of the peace in the necessary discharge of his duty, it shall be so stated at the foot of the indictment or presentment, and no prosecutor shall be required, but in all other cases there shall be a prosecutor. This act shall take effect from the passage thereof.

RISDON MOORE

Speaker of the House of Representatives

PIERRE MENARD

president of The Council

Approved Dec 22. 1814

NINIAN EDWARDS

AN ACT *concerning negroes and Mullattoes.*

Whereas the erection of mills and other valuable improvements are greatly retarded in this Territory, from the want of Laborers, and whereas also experience has proved that the manufacture of salt in particular, at the United States Saline cannot be successfully carried on by white laborers, and it being the interest of every description of inhabitants to afford every facility to the most extensive manufacture of that article, so necessary to them all, as the most natural means of obtaining a certainty of the necessary supplies thereof at the lowest price.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and house of Representatives of the Illinois Territory, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That if any slave whatsoever, shall voluntarily hire himself or herself, within the Territory, by the consent of his or her master, for any term not exceeding twelve months, his or her continuance in the Terriotry according to such hiring shall not operate in any way whatever to injure the right of property in the master, in and to the services of such slave or slaves, Provided however

that in all such cases such slave or slaves shall be examined privately, separate and apart from his or her owner by a Justice of the peace, or any clerk of a court, as to his or her voluntary consent, and a certificate of such Justice or clerk shall be conclusive evidence of such Voluntary consent, and may be admitted to record, and provided that said slave or slaves, shall for the time being, be considered and treated as indentured servants. This act shall commence and be in force from the passage thereof.

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*AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and regulate ferries.*

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and house of Representatives and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That so much of the act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to establish and regulate ferries, as declares that no ferry shall be established by the court of common pleas in any county in this Territory across the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers within less than two miles of an established ferry shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That in all future cases the county courts may grant any ferry according to law that the respective county courts in their several counties may deem necessary.

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*AN ACT for levying and collecting a tax on billiard Tables*

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and house of Representatives and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That all and every person or persons who shall erect or keep a billiard table within this Territory shall annually on the first monday in January, or within one week after erecting such Billiard Table enter