be, and the same are hereby dissolved; and that the said Elizabeth be, and she is hereby divorced from her said husband.

This act to be in force from and after the passage thereof.

George Fisher,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pierre Menard,

President of the Legislative Council.

Approved—January 6, 1818, Ninian Edwards.

An Act to authorise William Morrison of Kaskaskia, to build a Floating Bridge over the Kaskaskia river, in the county of Washington.

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 William Morrison be authorised and permitted at his own individual expense, to build and establish for the term of seven years, a Floating Bridge over the Kaskaskia river, in the county of Washington, at any eligible point that may be designated by the commissioners appointed to fix and establish the permanent seat of justice for said county: Provided, nevertheless, that the place so designated by the commissioners, or a majority of them, shall be at some point, between the mouths of Shoal and Crooked creeks; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners or a majority of them, within five days after they have fixed and decided upon the permanent seat of justice for said county, to proceed to examine the ground on both sides of the river, between the points before mentioned, and faithfully take into view the situation of the country and eligibility thereof, to obtain the best possible ground for a road from thence to the road leading from Vincennes to St. Louis or Belleville; and having fixed and determined upon the most eligible in their opinion, to promote public convenience, they shall report the same under their hands and seals, to the first county court that may sit in the county, and the court shall record the same: Provided also, that the said William Morrison, shall be bound to pay to the said commissioners the sum of two dollars per day each, for the time in which they may necessarily be employed in fixing on said place.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, as a compensation for erecting and establishing a Floating Bridge as aforesaid, that the said William Morrison, may charge and receive as toll therefor, the same rates as are

allowed by law, to those that keep Ferries on the said river, for seven years, from and after the completion of the said bridge; but it is provided that the said bridge shall be so constructed as not to injure the navigation of said river.

- SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That the said William Morrison, shall not be interrupted, or be injured by any other persons building a bridge or establishing a ferry, within three miles of his bridge, for the space of seven years.
- SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That if the said William Morrison fails or refuses to enter and purchase the land from the United States, or the proprietor or proprietors, that may own the same, and erect, establish and finish the building of the said bridge within two years, then and in that case, he shall forfeit all claim to the benefit of this act.

This act to take effect and be in force from and after the rising of the legislature.

George Fisher,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pierre Menard,

President of the Legislative Council.

Approved—January 6, 1818, Ninian Edwards.

An Act to establish the line between the counties of St. Clair and Madison.

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 a line beginning on the Mississippi river between townships two and three, north of the base line; thence east along the said township lines, to the eastern boundaries of the said counties, shall be the division line between the said counties of St. Clair and Madison.

This act to take effect from and after its passage.

George Fisher,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pierre Menard,

President of the Legislative Council.

Approved—January 6, 1818.
NINIAN EDWARDS.