

other person or persons shall claim the same, it shall and may be lawful for the party at whose instance the same has been levied upon, to file his written interrogatories to the party claiming the same, requiring him to state on oath the nature of his or their claim, and whether the land has been in fact entered for their benefit, and to be paid for with their money or not; and it shall be the duty of the party to whom such interrogatories are addressed, to answer the same on oath; and a failure to answer in a reasonable time, shall amount to a relinquishment of claim, and the court shall proceed to enter a judgment in such case against such claimant, for ten per cent. on the amount of said execution, and an order for the sale of said lands, which were originally levied upon.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the said parties shall have the right of summoning and coercing the attendance of witnesses as in other cases; and the trial of the right of property as aforesaid, shall be conducted as far as relates to continuances as an original action:—*Provided however*, that such trial shall be had at the first term to which the execution is returnable, if neither party shew good cause for a continuance.

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 2, 1818,

NINIAN EDWARDS.

AN ACT to divorce *Elizabeth A. Sprigg* from the banns of matrimony.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this legislature, that Elizabeth A. Sprigg has been shamefully abandoned by James Sprigg, her husband, and that the said James Sprigg has and does still continue to live in the most shameful incontinency: And whereas, it has been represented to this legislature, that said Elizabeth A. Sprigg must be considerably injured if she cannot obtain a divorce sooner than in the ordinary way: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Illinois territory, and is it hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the banns of matrimony heretofore existing between the said Elizabeth A. Sprigg and James Sprigg her husband,

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