

Also, that shall any of the within granted exclusive rights conflict with charters heretofore granted, and the said grantees having not complied with existing laws thereto relating, then these grants shall take preference, and shall so be construed in law.

Conflict with
charters
heretofore
granted.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

S. MEDARY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original bill on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER XIV.

A Bill to establish certain Counties, and for other purposes.

- SECTION 1 Boundary line of the County of Martin.
2 " " " Jackson.
3 " " " Nobles.
4 " " " Pipe Stone.
5 " " " Big Sioux.
6 Said Counties declared to be organized and attached to third judicial district.
7 Boundary Line of the County of Cottonwood.
8 " " " Murray.
9 " " " Rock.
10 " " " Medway.
11 Governor to appoint three commissioners for each County.
12 Locates the County Seats.
13 Commissioners to meet on the 1st of July.
14 Location for judicial and executive purposes.
15 Defines manner of locating County Seats.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:--

SECTION 1. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Martin: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one (101) north, of range twenty-eight (28) west; thence running due

Boundary of
Martin County.

north to the north line of township one hundred and four; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four (104) north, of range thirty-three (33) west; thence due west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one (101) north, of range thirty-three (33) west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Jackson: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-four west; thence due north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-four west; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-eight west; thence due south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-eight west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Jackson
County.

SEC. 3. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as is embraced in the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Nobles: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range thirty-nine west; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range thirty-nine west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four, range forty-three west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-three (43) west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Nobles
County.

SEC. 4. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Pipe Stone: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one, range forty-four; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-four west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-eight west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-eight (48) west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Pipe Stone
County.

SEC. 5. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Big Sioux: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and one north, of range forty-nine west; thence west on the line between the State of Iowa and the Territory of Minnesota, to the middle of the Big Sioux River; thence up the middle of the Big Sioux River to the township line between township one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence due east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and four north, of range forty-nine west; thence south to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Big Sioux
County.

SEC. 6. The said Counties of Martin, Jackson, Nobles, and Big Sioux are hereby declared to be organized Counties

Declared orga-
nized.

and invested with all the immunities to which organized Counties are entitled by law in this Territory, said Counties shall be attached to the third judicial district for judicial purposes, and to the tenth council district for elective purposes.

Boundary of
Cottonwood
County.

SEC. 7. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Cottonwood: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-four (34) west; thence running due north to the north line of township one hundred and eight (108); thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range thirty-eight (38) west; thence due south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-eight (38) west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Murray
County.

SEC. 8. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as lies within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Murray: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range thirty-nine (39) west; thence due north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range thirty-nine (39) west; thence due west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight north, of range forty-three (43); thence due west to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range forty-three west; thence due east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Rock County

SEC. 9. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as is embraced in the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Rock: Beginning at the south-east corner of township one hundred and five north, of range forty-four (44) west; thence north to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight north, of range forty-four (44) west; thence west to the north-west corner of township one hundred and eight, range forty-eight (48) west; thence south to the south-west corner of township one hundred and five north, of range forty-eight west; thence east to the place of beginning.

Boundary of
Medway
County.

SEC. 10. That so much of the Territory of Minnesota as is embraced within the following boundaries, be, and the same is hereby established as the County of Medway: Beginning at the south-west corner of township one hundred and five (105) north, of range forty-nine west; thence west to the middle of the Big Sioux River; thence up the middle of the Big Sioux River to the township line between townships one hundred and eight (108) and one hundred and nine (109); thence due east to the north-east corner of township one hundred and eight (108) north, of range forty-nine west; thence south to the place of beginning.

SEC. 11. The Governor shall appoint three persons for

each of the respective organized Counties, being residents and legal voters thereof, commissioners for each of said Counties, with full power and authority to do and perform all acts and duties devolving upon the board of county commissioners of any organized county in this Territory, the said board of commissioners shall have power to appoint all other officers that may be required to complete the organization of their respective counties.

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SEC. 12. And be it further enacted that the County seat for the County of Martin shall be established temporarily at the town of Fairmont in said County, and the County seat of Jackson County shall be temporarily established at the town of Jackson in said County, and the County seat for the County of Nobles shall be temporarily established at the town of Gretchtown in said County of Nobles, and the County seat of Big Sioux County shall temporarily be established at the town of Medary.

Location of
County seats

SEC. 13. The County Commissioners of said Counties shall meet in the first week of July next at the County seat of their respective Counties and do and perform all acts relative to said Counties.

SEC. 14. The County of Pipe Stone shall be attached to the County of Big Sioux, and the County of Rock shall be attached to the County of Murray for all judicial and elective purposes.

SEC. 15. On the petition of twenty legal voters in any of said Counties, at any time after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to order the legal voters of any of said Counties to vote at any general election for the location of the County seats of said Counties, and the point receiving the highest number of votes shall be the County seat of said County.

How located.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

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