

allowed by court.

arising at the sessions thereof held for trials by jury, and order the payment thereof out of the treasury of the county in which they are respectively located.

Defendant may be ordered to file answer.

SECTION 10. Said courts may, in all cases upon motion, order the defendant to file an answer to the declaration.

Assistant clerks may be appointed.

SECTION 11. The clerks of said courts may, subject to the approval of the justice thereof, appoint assistant clerks, who shall be removable at their pleasure, and for whose doings they shall be responsible, who shall be sworn and give bonds in a sum not less than one thousand dollars, to be approved by the said justice, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their office; and their compensation shall be paid by the clerk.

Duties to be performed by assistant clerks.

SECTION 12. The assistant clerks may perform such of the duties of the clerk as are not performed by him, and upon the absence, resignation, death or removal of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall perform his duties under the direction of the court until he resumes his duties or a clerk is elected or appointed and qualified; and his compensation for such service shall be paid by the clerk.

In case of the death, resignation or removal of the clerk, the assistant clerk shall account with and pay over the money in his hands to the officer with whom the clerk is required by law to account.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 28, 1874.*

### Chap. 37.

AN ACT TO PUNISH THE WILFUL OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE-ENGINES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Penalty for wilful obstruction of fire-engines.

Whoever wilfully and maliciously obstructs or retards the passage of any engine or other apparatus of any fire department, while going to a fire through any street, lane, alley or other way, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction not exceeding three months, or by fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

*Approved February 28, 1874.*

### Chap. 38.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE OF THE GENERAL STATUTES CONCERNING THE EXEMPTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM EXECUTION.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Household furniture exempt from attachment. G. S. 133, § 32.

SECTION 1. The second clause of the thirty-second section of chapter one hundred and thirty-three of the General Statutes is amended so that the same shall read as follows, viz. :—

*Second.* Other household furniture necessary for him

and his family, not exceeding three hundred dollars in value.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of July next.

*Approved February 28, 1874.*

AN ACT MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES AUTHORIZED IN THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE AND PREVIOUS YEARS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Chap. 39.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid from the ordinary revenue, except in cases otherwise ordered, for the purposes specified herein, to wit:—

For stationery ordered by the clerk of the house of representatives, two hundred seventy-one dollars and forty-four cents.

Appropriations.

Stationery, house of representatives.

For printing and binding ordered by the senate, one thousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents.

Printing and binding, senate.

For contingent expenses of the senate and house of representatives and necessary expenses in and about the state house, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses.

For the compensation of the firemen employed at the state house, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

Firemen.

For repairs, improvements and furniture of the state house, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Repairs and furniture.

For printing the pamphlet edition of the general acts and resolves of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, two thousand one hundred forty-five dollars and fifty-four cents.

Pamphlet edition of general laws.

For registration blanks for the secretary's department, five hundred seventeen dollars and eleven cents.

Registration blanks.

For the publication of the supplement to the General Statutes for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, two hundred fifty-nine dollars and twenty cents.

Supplement to General Statutes.

For extra clerical assistance in the secretary's department, four hundred fifty-eight dollars and seventeen cents.

Clerical assistance in secretary's office.

For military accounts, a sum not exceeding two thousand two hundred seventeen dollars and fifteen cents.

Military accounts.

For quartermasters' supplies, ninety-one dollars and sixty-six cents.

Quartermasters' supplies.

For mileage of the volunteer militia for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, forty-six dollars and eighty cents.

Mileage, volunteer militia.