Agent's may make temporary rules.

the agent, in council, is authorised to make the necessary rules or regulations, of which he shall, by the first opportunity, inform the Board of Managers of the State Society for their approbation, and they shall be in force, until they are revoked, by the Board of Managers and notice of their revocation is received by the agent.

Section 16 Be it enacted and ordained. That there shall be appointed by the agent, from time to time, a Secretary, whose Commission shall continue in force for one year, unless sooner revoked, and who shall reside in the territory during the exercise of his office. He shall take charge of, and carefully keep, all the papers, records & archives of the territory, relating to government; shall be present at, and exactly record, the proceedings of the agent in council; shall publish all the ordinances and notices of the government, so that the people may be informed thereof; issue the agents orders, as he may direct; keep a copy of the correspondence and reports of the agent; record, in a proper book, all treaties made by the agent; and attend to the recording, by the register of all other instruments, proper to be recorded, in which the government is interested; and perform, generally such duties as may be imposed upon him by the agent, in conducting the internal affairs and correspondence of the Territory.

Secretary's Duties.

Section 17 Be it enacted and ordained. that there shall be appointed by the agent a competent number of Justices of the Peace, whose commission shall continue in force for one Year, unless sooner revoked, for cause. It shall be their duty to take cognizance of all breaches of the peace, or the laws, of the territory; to issue their writ to arrest offenders; to take from them security, in all bailable cases, to appear before the proper tribunal, and, in default of security being given, to send the offender to the agent with a certificate of the default; to take security to keep the peace, when, upon oath or affirmation, before them, allegation is made that it will be broken; to issue search warrants; to act, judicially, in all criminal cases, where the offence is theft, and the value of the article, stolen does not exceed one dollar, sentencing the offender to restitution of five times the value of the thing stolen, and, in default of restitution, sending the offender to the agent, in the custody of a constable, with a certificate of conviction, that such punishment may be inflicted, as may be provided by law in such cases. Provided that no warrant or Writ shall be issued, in any criminal matter, or for any alledged breach of the laws of the territory, whereby the liberty of an an individual may be restrained or his or her house or premises searched, except the

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