to act as such for the three years succeeding the date of his appointment. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of the court, and of all judgments pronounced by it, and shall have the custody of its seal. He shall sign and issue all writs and summonses, and shall take charge of all papers in suits before the court, subject to its order. Whenever required, he shall give certified copies, under the seal of the court, of all judgments rendered by it.

Sec. 29. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That no person shall serve as a juryman, unless he be of the age of twenty-five years, of good name and repute, and shall know how to read and write: and in summoning jurymen, it shall be the duty of the sheriff to summon them in rotation from among all the inhabitants, so that the performance of the duty shall interfere, as little as may be, with ordinary avocations. No one shall be excused from serving as a juryman, but upon application to the court, stating a sufficient reason,—saving and excepting school teachers, physicians, officers appointed by the state society, vice-agent, counsellors, justices of the peace, constables, secretary, register and collector.

Sec. 30. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That a store-keeper, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the public stores,—a surveyor, whose duty it shall be to locate roads and lots, and when required by the court or agent, or upon individual application to re-survey the same,—an inspector of arms, whose duty it shall be to see that the ordnance, arms and public defences of the territory, are kept in good repair,—a collector, whose duty it shall be to collect and pay to the treasurer, all duties, taxes and charges arising out of the commercial, as well as the internal regulations of the territory,—a public auctioneer, and a librarian, may from time to time be appointed by the agent, to hold their offices for one year, unless sooner revoked, whenever he shall think that the necessities of the territory require it.

Sec. 31. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That there shall be at least one public school in every township of the territory, the teacher whereof shall be appointed by the agent in council. It shall be the duty of every parent to send his or her children, and of every guardian the child or children under his or her care, of a fit age, to school, when there is a public school in the township, until they shall learn to read and write and cast accounts; and every father, or if there is no father, then mother, and if there is neither father nor mother, then guardian, the children of whom, or under whose care, are not sent to school, after being notified thereto by the se-

lectmen, shall be fined, at the discretion of the selectmen, not less than twelve and a half cents, nor more than twenty-five cents, for every month that each child is not sent to school; which fines may be collected, as small debts are, before a justice of the peace, and shall be appropriated to the use of public schools.

Sec. 32. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That all males between the ages of sixteen and sixty, residing in the territory, shall be enrolled in the general militia, and be liable to be called upon, at the discretion of the agent, under officers appointed by him, in the defence of the territory. The volunteer militia shall consist wholly of uniformed volunteer companies, who may elect their own officers, to be commissioned by the agent, and enact by-laws for their government, to be approved by the agent: every such by-laws containing a provision, that each company shall hold itself in readiness, at all times, to perform such actual military services as may be required by the agent. When two or more volunteer companies are formed, the agent shall appoint a major to command them.

Military offences, such as disobedience of orders, absence from and neglect of duty, violation of by-laws, shall be tried by a quarterly court martial, composed of commissioned officers, appointed by the agent, whose sentences shall be in writing, and shall be subject to the agent's approval.

Sec. 33. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That traffic in ardent spirit is expressly prohibited within the territory; and all persons convicted of selling it shall forfeit their licenses as traders, nor shall other licenses be given to them for one year after the date of the conviction; besides being subject to such fine, not exceeding one hundred dollars for every offence, (one-half whereof shall belong to the informer,) as the court, where the conviction takes place, may think proper to impose. A sufficient quantity will be kept in the government stores to supply the demands occasioned by sickness; and here only may ardent spirit be lawfully obtained.

Sec. 34. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That no emigrant shall be permitted to deal with the natives for land, nor for any other thing—labour, food, and clothing, for the actual use of the emigrant, excepted—without the license of the agent, in council, to continue in force for one year, unless sooner revoked, being first had and obtained. No person shall carry on trade of any kind in the territory, without the license of the agent being first had and obtained.

Sec. 35. *Be it enacted and ordained*, That every man with a wife, or man or woman, with a child or children, on arriving in the

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