

flew over, the lake in great swarms, and fishes glided and swam in the pellucid waters. The tired ponies eagerly drank from the cool fountain, and the squaws began with avidity to pluck the fruit and prepare for the evening meal. Then the chief, who had taken in at a glance of his eagle eye the whole prospect, after a pause, that caused all to hold intent their countenances, wisely and solemnly said: 'Iowa'—*this is the place.*

“And the story spread abroad among the tribes, and tradition has passed it down to the white man, who has taken it up, and with a most felicitous appropriateness, has adopted the word, and with it christened one of the grandest and best lands known among these magnificent states of the American Union. May its name and fair fame ever live so long as ‘water runs or fishes swim,’ and may all races and people early come into a knowledge of the fact—‘this is the place.’”

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#### AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That from and after the taking effect of this act, the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society, at Iowa City, shall consist of eighteen persons, of whom nine shall be appointed by the governor of the State, and nine elected by the members of the society. The term of office of said curators shall be two years, except as provided in the next section, and they shall receive no compensation for their services.

**SEC. 2.** The curators appointed by the governor, shall be appointed on or before the last Wednesday in June in the year 1872, and each second year thereafter, and their term of office shall commence on that day. Nine curators shall be selected by the present board to serve on behalf of the society until the last Wednesday in June, A. D. 1873, or in default of such selection, the nine members of the present

board having the longest unexpired terms shall so serve. And at the annual meeting of said Historical Society held next before the last Wednesday in June, A. D. 1873, and in each second year thereafter, there shall be elected by ballot from the members of the society nine curators for the term next ensuing.

SEC. 3. All persons who are members of said Historical Society at the date of this act, shall remain members of the same as reorganized, and new members may be admitted at any time under the rules now in force, or such other rules as may hereafter be adopted by the Board of Curators.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of the society shall be held at Iowa City on the Monday preceeding the last Wednesday in June of each year.

SEC. 5. The Board of Curators shall choose annually, or oftener, if need be, a corresponding secretary, recording secretary, a treasurer, and a librarian, who shall be selected from the members of the Historical Society outside of their own number, and shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed by a vote of the board. Said officers shall be officers of the society as well as of the Board of Curators, and their respective duties shall be determined by said board. No officers of the society or of the board shall receive any compensation from the state appropriation to the society.

SEC. 6. The Board of Curators shall also choose from their own number a president, who shall be the executive head of the board, and shall hold his office for one year, and until his successor is elected.

SEC. 7. The curators, a majority of whom shall reside in the vicinity of the State University, and seven of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall be the executive department of the society, and shall have full power to manage its affairs. They shall keep a full and correct account of their doings, and of the receipt and expenditure of all funds collected or granted for the purpose of the society, and shall report the same annually to the governor on or before the fifteenth day of December, as required by law of other state institutions.

SEC. 8. There shall be delivered to said society eighty bound copies of the reports of the supreme court, and all other books and documents published by the state, or at its order, for the purpose of effecting exchanges with similar societies in other states and countries, and for preservation in its library, and other purposes of the society.

SEC. 9. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register*, a newspaper published at Des Moines, and in the *Iowa City Press*, a newspaper published at Iowa City, without expense to the state.

Approved, April 24, 1872.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Daily Iowa State Register*, April 30, and in the *Iowa City Press*, April 29, 1872. ED. WRIGHT, *Secretary of State*.

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### DEATH OF MARQUETTE.

HIS solitary grave was made  
 Beside thy waters, Michigan;  
 In the forest-shade the bones were laid  
 Of a world-wondering man:  
 Discoverer of a world he sleeps—  
 By all the world unknown;  
 No mausoleum marks the spot,  
 Nor monumental stone.

He died alone—no pious hand  
 Smoothed down the pillow for his head;  
 No watching flowers reared the tent,  
 Or strewed the green leaves for his bed:  
 His followers left the holy man  
 Beside a rustic altar kneeling—  
 The slanting sunbeams' setting rays  
 Through the thick forest-branches stealing.

An hour had past, and they returned;  
 They found him lying where he knelt,  
 But lo! how changed: the calm of death  
 Upon his marble features dwelt;  
 Even while he prayed, his living soul  
 Had to its native heaven fled,  
 While the last twilight's holiest beams  
 Fell, like a glory, on his head. — *Western Messenger*.

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