

LAWS
AND
JOINT RESOLUTION
PASSED
BY
THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AND
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF
ILLINOIS TERRITORY
AT
THEIR SECOND SESSION
HELD
AT KASKASKIA
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An Act Prohibiting the trading with Indians &c.

Whereas it has been represented by the Executive of this Territory and the chief of the tribe of the Kaskuskia Indians, that the vending of ardent spirits and other entoxicating liquors, to the Indians of the said tribe is productive of great evils to the community and of serious Injury to the said Tribe, and that to tolerate the purchase of arms, clothing, Horses, and other articles necessary for their use and comfort, would tend to encourage intemperance and wretchedness, to which these unfortunate beings are hastening for remedy whereof.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council & house of Representatives & it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That if any trader or other person whosoever residing, or coming into, or passing through the said Territory shall presume to furnish, vend, or sell, or shall procure to be vended, or, sold upon any account whatever to any Indian or Indians being within this Territory or waters adjoining to the same any Rum, Brandy, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor, he, she, or they so offending, shall on conviction of the same, by presentment or Indictment forfeit and pay for every such offence, any sum not exceeding twenty Dollars, nor less than five. One half to the use of the Territory and the other to the informer —

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, shall purchase or receive of any Indian in the way of Barter or trade, a Gun or other article commonly used in hunting, or any instrument of Husbandry or cooking utensil

— or clothing or Horse shall forfeit & pay any sum not exceeding fifty Dollars nor less than ten to the use of the Territory to be recovered as is directed in the former section one half to the use of the Territory and the other to the informer — Provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to restrain any person from trading with Lewis Decoigne the chief of the Kaskaskia Indians for any article that he may Deem necessary in behalf of said tribe nor so as to impair or weaken the powers and authority that now are, or at any time hereafter may be vested in the Governor, or other person, as superintendent or agent of Indian affairs, or commissioner plenipotentiary for Treating with Indians, within this Territory. This act to be in full force from and after the first day of January next.

GEO FISHER

Speaker of the House of Representatives

PIERRE MENARD

president of The Council

Approved Dec 8, 1813

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