AN ACT

To create the Parish of TAngipahoa, and providing for the complete organization thereof.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened, That a new parish in the State of Louisiana be and the same is hereby created out of the contiguous portions of the parishes of Washington, St. Tammany, St. Helena and Livingston, to be called and known as the parish of Tangipahoa.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, etc., That said parish of Tangipahoa shall be composed of all the territory of said four parishes comprised within the following boundaries, to wit: Beginning at the point on the State line dividing the States of Louisiana and Mississippi where it is intersected by the meridian section line, one mile west of the meridian line dividing ranges six and seven (east), thence directly south on said section line to the point where it intersects the western prong of the Natalbany creek, thence along the eastern bank of said western prong to the confluence of said prong with the Natalbany river; thence along the eastern bank of said Natalbany river to the point where it empties into the river Tickfaw; thence along the upper bank of the Tickfaw river to where it empties into Lake Manrepeas; thence along the upper shore of Lake Manrepeas to Pass Manchac; thence eastward along the upper bank of Pass Manchac to Lake Pontchartrain; thence eastward along the upper shore of Lake Pontchartrain to the point where it is intersected by the meridian line dividing ranges nine and ten (east); thence north on said line to the point where it intersects the main stream of the river Tehufuncta; thence up along the western bank of said river to the head waters thereof in township two, south of range nine east, in Washington parish; thence in a northwest line to the meridian line dividing ranges eight and nine (east); thence north on said line to the dividing State line; thence west on the State line to the point of beginning.

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, etc., That said parish shall form a part of the Sixth Judicial District, also of the First Congressional District and of the Senatorial District now composed of the aforesaid four parishes from whose territory it is hereby created.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, etc., That said parish of Tangipahoa shall have and enjoy all the rights and powers conferred upon the other parishes of the State of Louisiana by the general laws of said State.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, etc., That until a new apportionment of Representatives in the State of Louisiana, the said parish of Tangipahoa shall be represented in common by the Representatives of the said four named parishes; provided, that should no apportionment be made before the next general election for Representatives in the State Legislature, then, at said election the said parish of Tangipahoa shall be entitled to elect one Representative in the Legislature and it shall be so represented until changed by law thereafter.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, etc., That the seat of justice of the said parish of Tangipahoa shall be, and remain in the town of Amite City, in said parish of Tangipahoa, and until otherwise provided the Judge of the Sixth Judicial District shall hold regular jury terms of his court, for said parish, at said seat of justice, beginning on second Monday of January, and the second Monday of July in each year.
Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, etc., That until otherwise provided by the police jury thereof, said parish of Tangipahoa shall be divided into the following wards, to wit: ward number one, composed of all that portion of said parish, comprised heretofore within the parish of St. Helena; ward number two of that portion heretofore comprised within the parish of Washington; ward number three of the portion heretofore comprised within the parish of Livingston, and ward number four of that portion heretofore comprised within the parish of St. Tammany.

Sec. 8. Be it further enacted, etc., That within ten days thereafter this act becomes a law, the Governor of the State shall appoint and commission for said parish of Tangipahoa a parish judge, a clerk of the District Court, a sheriff, a recorder and a coroner, and for each ward of said parish a justice of the peace, a constable and two police jurors, who shall be residents of said parish and of said wards, respectively, and shall possess the legal qualifications. That the officers thus appointed and commissioned shall forthwith qualify according to law, and enter upon the discharge of their respective official duties, and shall continue in office until the election and qualification of their successors at the next general election in the State for such officers.

Sec. 9. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police jurors thus appointed shall meet at the said seat of justice on the second Monday after their appointment and organize as the police jury of the parish of Tangipahoa. They shall have all the powers and observe all the duties conferred by general laws of the State on police juries. They shall make the necessary arrangements, forthwith and without delay, to provide the requisite public buildings, building sites, lots, offices, seals, records, books and appurtenances for said parish and the offices thereof, and shall not cease from their labors until all the same (shall) have at least provisionally acquired.

Sec. 10. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police jury shall provide for the transfer from the respective offices of said four named parishes, of all such original records, acts and documents as may affect the people, property or pending successions in the parish of Tangipahoa, and shall deliver the same to the appropriate officers of said parish, who shall hold and preserve the same in their respective offices in said parish, and such transportation and delivery of such original records shall be paid for by the parish of Tangipahoa; provided, that no suit now pending in the courts of said parishes of Washington, St. Helena, Livingston or St. Tammany shall be removed to said parish of Tangipahoa unless by consent of all parties, and not then until all costs and fees in such case due the offices of the parish where the same shall be pending, shall be fully paid; but all unsettled successions, opened by death of the decedent within the limits of the said parish of Tangipahoa and the major portion of whose property shall lie within said parish, shall be removed to the clerk's office of the court of the parish of Tangipahoa where all subsequent proceedings shall be had; and provided further, that no judgment, lien, privilege, or mortgage shall lose the effect of its inscription upon any property within said parish of Tangipahoa by reason of the creation of the parish of Tangipahoa, by this act, if legally inscribed in either of said parishes of Washington, St. Helena, Livingston or St. Tammany, in such manner as to bind such property at the date of its inscription, and which is void for no other
legal cause; and the certificate of the proper officer of either of said parishes, in which such property was situated prior to the passage of this act, shall be required and received as valid in all cases where such certificate is required by law; and provided further, that the foregoing proviso shall apply to no judgment or act rendered or passed subsequent to the date of the complete organization of the parish of Tangipahoa by the qualifications of the officers thereof. In effecting the transfer of records, as above provided for the officers of the parish of Tangipahoa and also of the parishes of Washington, St. Helena, Livingston and St. Tammany, shall respectively co-operate with and assist the police jury of the parish of Tangipahoa.

Sec. 11. Be it further enacted, etc., That the creation of the parish of Tangipahoa shall in no wise impair the obligations of the people or property thereof, in favor of the public creditors of either of the four parishes, from whose territory it is formed, but the parish of Tangipahoa shall assume pro rata the amount of the public debt, due respectively by the portions of the four parishes above named, from whose territory it is created hereby, and the police jury of said parish, shall ascertain and cause to be liquidated, as soon as possible, the amount of public debt due by the respective portions of said parish of Tangipahoa, heretofore belonging to said above named four parishes, and shall make suitable provisions for the same, under such regulations as it may adopt.

Sec. 12. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act shall not release the people of the parish of Tangipahoa from their liability for arrearages of State or parish or other legal taxes due by them, and heretofore assessed; and the tax collectors of the parishes of Washington, Livingston, St. Helena and St. Tammany shall have the power to collect for the benefit of said four parishes, respectively, all such arrearages of legally assessed and unpaid back taxes, as may be due within the limits of the parish of Tangipahoa, which heretofore belonged to said four parishes respectively, and shall be authorized to make in the collection of such arrearages as though this act had never been passed; said tax collectors shall also in like manner collect the State and parish license for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and State and parish taxes for eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, but the said collector shall pay into the parish treasury of the parish of Tangipahoa the full amount of said licenses and taxes of eighteen hundred and sixty-nine and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, less their commissions, collected by them, respectively, from persons or property within the limits of the parish of Tangipahoa; provided, that this right thus to collect shall cease after the expiration of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

Sec. 13. Be it further enacted, etc., That the police jury of the said parish of Tangipahoa shall, at their first session, elect a responsible person as parish treasurer of said parish. Said treasurer shall qualify and give bond as required by law. He shall at once thereafter apply to the proper State authorities and to the parish treasurers of the parishes of Livingston, Washington, St. Tammany and St. Helena, and it shall be their duty to pay over to him all the public school fund and other funds which may be due by the State or by either of said parishes to the people of the parish of Tangipahoa, and his receipt for such payment shall be a competent voucher in favor of the party paying for the amount so paid.
Sec. 14. Be it further enacted, etc., That in order to prevent any interruption or suspension of the affairs, public or private, of the people residing within the limits of the parish of Tangipahoa, until the complete organization of said parish by the election and qualification of the officers thereof, and their entrance upon their official duties, all proceedings shall be had, all acts passed, all suits instituted and decrees rendered, and all things whatsoever done, in all respects as heretofore, and prior to the passage of this act, in either of said parishes of Washington, St. Helena, Livingston or St. Tammany, as may be proper and legal, under existing laws, and that said parishes shall not lose their authority or jurisdiction over the people or property of the portions of said parish of Tangipahoa, heretofore belonging to them respectively, until said parish shall be organized fully, as hereinabove provided for, and from and after that time their powers shall forever cease throughout the limits of said parish of Tangipahoa.

Sec. 15. Be it further enacted, etc., That this act take effect from and after its passage, and that all laws or parts of laws contrary to the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. Be it further enacted, etc., That the Secretary of State shall transmit to the parish judge of the parish of Tangipahoa an authentic copy of this act, and it shall be the duty of the parish judge of said parish to cause the same to be inscribed upon the records of his office, and to place said copy on file therein.

(Signed) CHAS. W. LOWELL,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(Signed) OSCAR J. DUNN,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.

Approved March 6, 1869.

(Signed) H. C. WARMOTH,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.

A true copy:
Geo. E. Bovee,
Secretary of State.

No. 86.] AN ACT

Subrogating Joseph Bouillotte, and his associates, to all the rights and immunities conveyed to the incorporators under an act entitled "An Act to incorporate Bayou Rapides Navigation Company," approved seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty.

Whereas, The Legislature of the State of Louisiana passed an act entitled an act to incorporate the Bayou Rapides Navigation Company, approved seventeenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty, and whereas, the incorporators, under said act, have done nothing in relation to the same; and whereas, many of the incorporators have died, and whereas, the survivors, by notarial act passed before W. W. Wittington, Jr., a public notary of the parish of Rapides, Louisiana, have subrogated Joseph Bouillotte, of said parish, to all the rights and privileges to which they were entitled under the above referred to act; therefore