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## AN ACT

*Prohibiting the trading with Indians, &c.**Passed December 8, 1813.**Preamble.*

Whereas it has been represented by the Executive of this Territory, and the Chief of the tribe of the Kaskaskia Indians, that the vending of ardent spirits, and other intoxicating 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 & wretchedness to which these unfortunate beings are hastening, for remedy whereof

*No person to  
sell whiskey  
to Indians.*

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative council and House of Representatives, and 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 brandy, rum, whiskey or other intoxicating liquor, he,

he 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 half 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 and 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 use of 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, 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.

No person to purchase gun or other article of Indians.

Penalty.

Provide.

This act to be in full force from and after the first day of January next.