

SEC. 40. To Jesse Williams, for copying and forwarding memorials, resolutions, &c. the present session, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

SEC. 41. To the secretary of the Council, two hundred dollars for transcribing, indexing and superintending the printing the journal of the Council, and for distributing the same to the clerks of the several boards of county commissioners in the territory, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Approved January 16, 1840.

[Chap. 58.]

AN ACT to authorize Robert E. Mott to keep a Ferry across the Des Moines river at the Round Mound in Lee county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That Robert E. Mott, his heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to keep a ferry across the Des Moines river, at the Round Mound in Lee county, and for one mile above and one mile below said Mound, and that said Mott have the exclusive privilege of ferrying within said limits for the term of ten years.*

SEC. 2. That said ferry, when so established, shall be subject to the same regulations and under the same restrictions as other ferries are or may hereafter be by the laws of this territory fixing the rate of toll and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and regulated.

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[Chap. 59.]

AN ACT for the relief of the Poor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That the board of county commissioners of the several counties of this territory, shall be and they are hereby vested with entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor in their respective counties.*

SEC. 2. Every poor person who shall be unable to earn a livelihood, in consequence of bodily infirmity, idiocy, lunacy or other unavoidable cause, shall be supported by the father, mother, or children of such poor person, if they, or either of them, be of sufficient ability, and every person who shall fail or refuse to support his or her father, mother or child, when directed by the board of commissioners

of the county where such poor person shall be found, whether such relative reside in the county or not, shall forfeit and pay to the county commissioners, for the use of the poor of their county, the sum of fifteen dollars per month, to be recovered in the name of the county commissioners, for the use of the poor as aforesaid, before any justice of the peace or any court having jurisdiction.

Having no relative, to receive relief.

SEC. 3. When any such poor person shall not have any such relative in any county in this territory, as are named in the preceding sections, or such relative shall not be of sufficient ability, or shall fail or refuse to maintain such pauper, then the said pauper shall receive such relief as the case may require out of the county treasury; and the county commissioners may either make contracts for the necessary maintenance of the poor, or appoint such agents as they may deem necessary, to oversee and provide for the same.

Minors may be bound apprentices.

SEC. 4. When any minor shall become, or be likely to become chargeable to the county, either because of being an orphan, or because the relations aforesaid are unable or refuse to support such minor, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to bind such minor as an apprentice by written indenture, which shall bind such minor to serve as an apprentice, and shall in all respects be to the tenor and effect as required in the act concerning apprentices.

Persons becoming sick.

SEC. 5. When non-resident, or any other person not coming within the definition of a pauper, shall fall sick, in any county of this territory, not having money or property to pay for his board, nursing and medical aid, it shall be the duty of the county commissioners, on complaint being made, to give or order to be given such assistance to such poor person as they may deem just and necessary; and if said sick person shall die, then the said commissioners shall give or order to be given to such person, a decent burial; and the said commissioners shall make such allowance for board, nursing, medical aid or burial expenses, as they shall deem just and equitable, and order the same to be paid out of the county treasury.

Who entitled to relief.

SEC. 6. When application is made by any pauper to the board of commissioners of any county in this territory for relief, it shall be necessary for said commissioners to require of said pauper satisfactory

evidence that he has been a resident of said county for twelve months immediately preceding the day upon which such application is made.

SEC. 7. When, on application made by any pauper to the board of commissioners as aforesaid, it shall appear to the satisfaction of said board, that the person so applying for relief has resided in said county agreeably to the provisions of the foregoing section of this act, he shall be entitled to all the relief provided by this act; but if on the contrary it shall appear to the satisfaction of said board that said pauper has not been a resident of said county agreeably to the provisions of the sixth section of this act, they shall proceed to remove from their county, at the expense of said county, such pauper, to the county where said pauper may have had his residence, or may, if they think best, issue a notice directed to some constable of the county, which notice the said constable shall serve forthwith on said pauper requiring him to depart said county forthwith; and after so serving said notice by reading the same to said pauper, said constable shall, within five days thereafter, return the same to the clerk of the board of commissioners issuing the same, noting the time and manner of serving the same thereon.

Others to be notified to depart.

SEC. 8. After service of such notice as aforesaid, no pauper shall be entitled to relief from such county, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 9. The board of county commissioners of any county in this territory, may, if they think proper, cause to be built or provided in their respective counties, work-houses for the accommodation and employment of such paupers, as may from time to time become a county charge; and said work-house and paupers shall be under such rules and regulations as said boards of commissioners may deem proper and just.

Work houses.

SEC. 10. If any person shall bring and leave any pauper in any county in this territory, wherein such pauper is not lawfully settled, knowing him to be a pauper, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, for every such offence, to be sued for and recovered by and for the use of such county by action of debt, before any court having jurisdiction of the same.

Penalty for importing paupers.

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