

[Chap. 64.]

AN ACT relative to the authentication of statutes without the approval of the Governor, and for other purposes.

Bills returned
form of au-
thentication.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That when a bill that has passed both houses of the legislative assembly, shall be returned by the governor without his signature, and with his objections thereto, and upon reconsideration shall pass both houses by a majority of two-thirds, it shall be authenticated as having become a law by a certificate endorsed thereon or attached thereto, in the following form: "This bill having been returned by the governor with his objections thereto, and after reconsideration having passed both houses by a majority of two thirds, it has become a law this —— day of ——," which being signed by the president of the Council and speaker of the House of Representatives shall be deemed a sufficient authentication thereof, and the bill shall again be presented to the governor, to be by him deposited with the laws in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.

Bills not re-
turned au-
thentication.

SEC. 2. That every bill which has passed both houses of the legislative assembly, and shall not be returned by the governor within three days, having thereby become a law shall be authenticated by the governor causing the fact to be certified thereon by the Secretary of the territory, in the following form: "This bill having remained with the governor three days, (Sundays excepted) and the legislative assembly being in session, it has become a law this —— day of ——, J. C., Secretary of Iowa Territory."

Printed laws
of other states
evidence.

SEC. 3. The printed statute books of the several states and territories of the United States, purporting to be printed under the authority of such state or territory, shall be evidence of the legislative acts of such state or territory.

Copies of
printed stat-
utes evidence.

SEC. 4. That copies of any act, law or resolution, contained in the printed statute books of the United States, or any state or territory thereof, purporting to be printed by authority, and which are now or may hereafter be deposited in the office of the Secretary of this territory, or the territorial library, certified under the hand of said Secretary (or in his absence, by the governor,) and the seal of the territory shall be admitted as evidence in any court of law or equity.

SEC. 5. That the Secretary shall be entitled to ^{Fees.} demand and receive for copies so furnished, and attaching the seal thereto, twenty-five cents, for every folio of one hundred words, which, if required, must be paid in advance.

Approved January 16, 1840.

[Chap. 65.]

AN ACT to authorize William Warner to erect a dam across Big Cedar, in Henry county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of* ^{To build dam.} *Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That William Warner, his heirs and assigns are hereby authorized to erect and keep a dam across Big Cedar, in Henry county, on the northwest quarter of section number nine, in township number seventy north, range seven west, which dam shall not be so constructed as to back water on any mill which may have been commenced or built previous to the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall destroy or in any ^{Wilful injury} _{a misde-} _{meanor.} wise injure said dam, shall be deemed to have committed a trespass, and shall be liable accordingly, and any person who shall wilfully or maliciously destroy or injure said dam shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined treble the amount of damages the owner may have sustained, or be imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the individual named in this act, his heirs or assigns, to enter upon and flow the lands of any person without the consent of such person, and they shall remove all such nuisances as may be occasioned by the erection of said dam, which may endanger the health of the vicinity of said mill.

Approved January 16, 1840.

[Chap. 66.]

AN ACT to provide for the annual organization of the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of* *Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That the Secretary of the Council in office on the last day of any session of the legislature, shall remain in office until