

Disbursed. persons, charged therewith, it shall be the duty of said person, or persons, to open an account with said fund, showing when, to whom, and for what, the same, or any part thereof, has been expended, and take and preserve receipts for all services, thus paid out by them.

Report. § 3. The person, or persons, mentioned in the preceding sections, shall make report to each session of the Legislature, of the manner, to whom, and when, said moneys were by them paid out or expended.

Liquidation. § 4. No person above mentioned shall be credited with any expenditure as aforesaid, unless expended in the manner contemplated by the law making such appropriations, nor unless he preserves proper receipts, or vouchers for each sum paid, as above mentioned.

Recovered. § 5. All such sums, not accounted for, as above mentioned, may be recovered by the State from the person, or persons, charged therewith, together with fifty per cent. damages on the same.

Damages.

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CHAPTER 164.

INQUISITION.

AN ACT to authorize the appointment of Commissioners to settle with State Officers and others.

Commissioners.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That there shall be three Commissioners selected in the manner hereinafter specified, whose duty it shall be, to examine and report the accounts, and condition of the following officers, to wit: Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the contingent funds heretofore set apart for all of

Contingent funds.

the officers of State, or others exercising authority under the State, to whom contingent funds have been granted, how and for what said contingent funds expended.

§ 2. Said Commissioners shall consist of the Governor of ^{Appointment.} this State, who shall be President of said Board, one to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, and the other by the Speaker of the House.

§ 3. Said Commissioners are hereby empowered through ^{President may} their President, to administer oaths, issue subpoenas, to send ^{administer} for persons, and papers, fine and punish for contempts to ^{oaths.} said board, while in session, issue attachment to compel the ^{Subpoena wit-} attendance of witnesses, and also as a board to do all other ^{nesses.} things necessary to carry out the objects of this act. ^{Fine and im-} prison.

§ 4. Said Commissioners shall have access to all of said ^{Have access} offices, and to all of the books, papers, files, moneys, etc., in ^{to offices.} said offices, which may be deemed by them necessary for a full discharge of their duties as a Board.

§ 5. Said Commissioners shall report their proceedings ^{Report to Leg-} to the next General Assembly, and also when said report is ^{islature.} completed, shall cause three thousand copies of the same to be printed in pamphlet form, and distributed to the different ^{Publish and} counties of this State. ^{distribute.}

§ 6. Said examination shall embrace a full account of ^{All state offi-} each of said offices, from the organization of the State Gov- ^{ces from be-} ernment, down to the present time, and of the different offi- ^{ginning.} cers while filling or discharging the duties of said office.

§ 7. Said Commissioners shall make rules and regula- ^{Make rules for} tions for the keeping of the books, papers, accounts, etc., of ^{keeping books} the different officers, cause such rules and regulations to be ^{etc.} printed, and said officers shall thereafter observe said rules and regulations.

§ 8. If at any time the Governor shall be absent from ^{President pro} the sessions of said Board, the senior Commissioner shall ^{tem.} act as President, and be, during such absence, vested with all the powers herein conferred on said Governor, as President ^{Powers.} of said Board.

§ 9. Each of said Commissioners shall be entitled to re- ^{Per diem.} ceive out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appro-

priated, the sum of three dollars per day, for each day's attendance on said Board.

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CHAPTER 165.

FREE BRIDGE.

AN ACT to create a Board of Commissioners, with authority to erect a Free Bridge across the Cedar River, at Cedar Rapids, in Linn county,

Names of
Commissioners

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That John M. May, Frederick A. Williams, and Gabriel Carpenter, be, and are hereby appointed, and constituted, a Board of Commissioners, to receive voluntary subscriptions, in trust, for the erection of a free bridge across Cedar river, at Cedar Rapids, in Rapids township, Linn county; with a draw of not less than forty feet in said bridge, for the free passage of boats and other crafts navigating said river.

Bonds.

§ 2. Before proceeding to collect and expend any money subscribed for said free bridge, the said Board of Commissioners shall, for the protection of each and all subscribers for such bridge, and to secure the faithful execution of the trusts created by this act, execute a bond or bonds in the aggregate penalty of not less than twenty thousand dollars, to be approved by the county judge of Linn county, and filed in the office of said judge, and by him to be surrendered to said Board, to be cancelled when the trusts herein created are, in the opinion of said judge, fulfilled by said Board of Commissioners.

Location.

§ 3. Said Commissioners, or a majority of them, shall locate said bridge, at such point on Cedar river, in Rapids