

HOUSE FILE NO. 330.]

[BY ANDERSON.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF S. P. BEDER.

WHEREAS, By order of the state board of immigration of the state of Iowa, in the year
2 1872, or thereabouts, S. P. Beder, then of Chicago, did print 4,000 copies of a Swedish
3 pamphlet and 6,000 copies of a Norwegian pamphlet, and delivered to the order of said
4 board of commissioners said pamphlets, and has received from the state no compensation
5 therefor; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars for such translating, printing, and
3 binding such pamphlets.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed by the general assembly of immediate importance,
2 shall be in force and take effect from and after its publication in the *Iowa State Register*
3 and *Iowa State Leader*, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

BLOOMING PRAIRIE, STEELE COUNTY, MINNESOTA, February 9, 1882.

I, Rev. C. L. Clausen, hereby testify that as a member of the Iowa State Board of Immigration in 1870, I was instructed by the said board to make a verbal contract with the petitioner, Sophus B. Beder, relative to the translation, printing, and binding of a pamphlet called "Iowa a Home for Immigrants." I did make such contract, as set forth by the said petitioner, and I believe that the facts subsequent to the making of the said contract are as set forth by the petitioner.

C. L. CLAUSEN.

COUNTY OF STEELE, STATE OF MINNESOTA—SS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, A. D. 1882.

[SEAL.]

LEWIS ELLINGTON, Notary Public.

STATE OF IOWA, WORTH COUNTY—SS.

Waldermar Gillrup, of Northwood, Worth county, being duly sworn, deposes and says: I have read the petition of Sophus B. Beder to the legislature of this state, and I believe the same to be true. Of the terms of the contract referred to in said petition I have no recollection, but most of the facts therein stated were within my own personal knowledge; as at the time I was foreman of the printing establishment connected with the Scandinavian paper, "Fremad," also called Chicago North Side Printing House, and as such foreman I had charge of the setting up and printing of both the Swedish and the Norwegian editions of the pamphlet called "Iowa, a Home for Immigrants." To the best of my recollection I was instructed to print, and did print, 4,000 copies of the Swedish edition and 6,000 copies of the Norwegian edition. I remember distinctly that a short time before the great Chicago fire, my employer, said Sophus B. Beder told me to send a few hundred copies, (I believe 200 copies of each edition,) per express, to a given address, I believe to the board of immigration at Des Moines, and to have the balance ready for further order. I did ship the said copies according to the instruction given me, and the balance was held in readiness to be shipped at any time. Shortly after this, however, the fire occurred and the balance of both editions was destroyed. I further testify that my said employer repeatedly instructed me to be very careful in getting up the said pamphlets, and that in conformity with such instructions I did take great pains in every particular.

WALTER GILLRUP.

Subscribed and sworn to by Walter Gillrup, before me, this 6th day of February, A. D. 1882.

[SEAL.]

C. W. CLAUSEN,

Clerk District Court, Worth county, Iowa.

gian edition which I had brought to my house, and of which a copy accompanies this petition, the whole balance of both editions went the same way as the whole business part of the city. Shortly after the fire I moved to New York. I have never sent any bill for the pamphlets either to the state board or to any other party, and I have never received from the state any pay for or on account of said pamphlets. The amount received by me for advertisements, about four hundred and fifty dollars, was paid by the advertisers and not by the state.

I therefore respectfully pray that the legislature will grant me payment of one thousand dollars, with interest from October 1, 1871.

Very respectfully,

SOPHUS B. BEDER,

New York, February 2, 1882.

Attorney and Counsellor at Law, 287 Broadway, New York.

STATE OF NEW YORK, CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK—SS.

Sophus B. Beder, being duly sworn, says that the statements made in the foregoing petition are true.

SOPHUS B. BEDER.

Sworn to before me this 2d day of February, 1882.

[SEAL.]

ALFRED McINTYRE, Notary Public, N. Y. Co.

287 BROADWAY, NEW YORK, February 2, 1882.

I take pleasure in stating that I have known S. B. Beder Esq. for six years, and have always found him a gentleman of accurate business habits and of the strictest integrity.

GEO. H. YEOMAN.

I have known Mr. Beder for fifteen years, intimately, and can fully indorse what Mr. Yeoman says.

C. T. CHRISTAN.

New York, February 2, 1882.

Manager of the Banking-house of Dupel, Morgan & Co.

DANISH CONSULATE, 52 BROADWAY [P. O. Box 2212.] }
NEW YORK, February 2, 1882. }

I fully concur in the opinion given by Hon. Geo. H. Yeoman (formerly U. S. minister to Denmark) as to the integrity of the petitioner, Sophus B. Beder. I have personally known the said petitioner for twenty-four years.

THOMAS SCHMIDT,

[SEAL.]

Secretary Danish Consulate.

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Iowa:

GENTLEMEN—In the fall of 1870 the undersigned, who at that time, at the city of Chicago, Illinois, was editor and publisher of the Scandinavian republican newspaper “Fremad,” made a verbal contract with the board of immigration for the state of Iowa, represented by one of its members, the Rev. M. C. L. Clausen, of St. Ansgar, that I should publish both a Swedish and a Norwegian edition of a pamphlet called, “Iowa a Home for Immigrants,” shortly before published in the English language by the said state board. I was to receive a certain amount per thousand numbers, besides \$50 for the Swedish translation and \$50 for the Norwegian translation. Having lost all my books by the Chicago fire, I am unable to state the contract in detail, but I believe that the Swedish edition was 4,000 copies and the Norwegian edition 6,000 copies, and I remember positively and state the fact to be that according to the terms of said contract, there became due to me for both editions, including cover and binding, about \$1,400, and for the two translations, \$100; total about \$1,500. According to a later arrangement with the secretary of the said board, Mr. A. R. Fulton, there was, from the above amount, to be deducted whatever I might receive for advertisements in either edition, from railroads or similar corporations. For such advertisements I received a total of about \$450, leaving a balance due to me of about \$1050, which, for the sake of safety I shall prefer to call *one thousand dollars*. Under the pressure of a continually growing business, especially after I had started a daily edition of my above named newspaper, the printing of the two Scandinavian editions of the board’s pamphlet was delayed until the secretary, in the first part of 1871, informed me that the board had no more money, and ordered me to stop, which I did. Subsequently, during a visit to Des Moines in the following summer, I agreed with the secretary to finish both editions with the express understanding that the board, or its members, should not be personally responsible, but I should take my chances whether the legislature, upon the application of the board would appropriate more money. I then finished the printing, and in September, 1871, notified the board that both editions were finished and ready for delivery, and I sent some copies as samples. In answer to this I received order to send 400 copies, I believe 200 of each edition, to the board in Des Moines and keep the balance until further order. I was also informed that the pamphlets printed by me gave satisfaction. The 400 copies were sent as ordered and the balance kept for further order. No further order ever came, and even if it had come it could not have been executed, for the reason that the Chicago fire occurred not many days later, and with the exception of four copies of the Norwe-