

## CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT to locate and establish a territorial road from Keokuk, in Lee County, to Mount Pleasant, in Henry county.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Names of commissioners—route of road.** That William Skinner and Henry J. Campbell, of Lee county, and Miram Killbourn, of Henry county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a territorial road, commencing at Keokuk, in Lee county—thence up the Mississippi river, as near as practicable, to the town of Montrose—thence on the nearest and best route to the town of Franklin—thence to Tuscarora, in Lee county—thence on the nearest and best route, to Mount Pleasant, in Henry county.

**SEC. 2. When and where commissioners to meet—failure to meet, duty of sheriff of Lee county.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet in the town of Franklin, in the first Monday in May next, and shall proceed to locate said road, according to the provisions of an act to locate and establish territorial roads; and if said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall fail to meet at such time and place as herein specified, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Lee county to notify said commissioners of a day, to be by him appointed, of the time and place of a second meeting of said commissioners, who shall then proceed to locate said road as above directed.

[11] **SEC. 3. Portion of certain act repealed.** That the sixth section of an act establishing certain territorial roads, approved January 25, 1839, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved December 23, 1840.

## CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT to amend an act to incorporate the city of Dubuque.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Interest on loan limited to ten per cent.** That the fifth section of the act to which this is amendatory, is hereby so altered and amended that the mayor and aldermen shall not have power to borrow money at a higher rate of interest than ten per cent. per annum, any provisions in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, December 23, 1840.

## CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled, "An act to authorize James Leonard, Oliver A. Crary, William H. Brown and Charles Swan, to establish and keep a Ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Charleston," approved January 21, 1839.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Time for putting on boat extended for one year.** That the second section of an act entitled, "An act to authorize James Leonard, Oliver

A. Crary, William H. Brown and Charles Swan, to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Charleston," shall be so amended as to give said Leonard, Crary, Brown and Swan, one year further time from the passage of this act, to procure for said ferry a horse or steam ferry boat.

**SEC. 2. Forfeiture of charter for non-compliance with law.** That if the horse or steam ferry boat be not completed and in operation within the time above specified, the charter referred to in the title of this act shall be rendered null and void.

Approved December 23, 1840.

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[12] CHAPTER 16.

**AN ACT** for the partial dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between John Philips and Nancy Philips.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. Partial dissolution of marriage contract.** That the marriage contract now existing between John Philips and Nancy Philips, of said Territory, be so far dissolved as to permit the said parties to live separate and apart from each other.

**SEC. 2. Nancy Philips authorized to sue, etc.—mother to retain children.** That the said Nancy Philips be so far restored to the privileges of an unmarried woman as to be able to contract and be contracted with, to sue and be sued on such contracts, and to be released from all control or coercion whatever of the said John Philips; and that she also have the entire control and guardianship of her two children now in her possession, to-wit.: Eliza and Nancy Philips.

Presented to the Executive December 23, 1840.

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CHAPTER 17.

**AN ACT** authorizing Henry M. Koonts and William Doak, Jr., to execute a deed to Rebecca A. Palmer.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:*

**SECTION 1. H. M. Koonts and William Doak, jr. authorized to execute deed to R. A. Palmer, for one acre of land—location of land.** That Henry M. Koonts, guardian of Workman Hughes, Martha Jane Hughes, and Andrew Jackson Hughes, minor children of Samuel Hughes, sen.; and William Doak, jr., guardian of Hugh, Nancy, Edmund and Samuel Doak, minor children of said William Doak, jr., be and they are hereby authorized to make and execute a good warranty deed to Rebecca A. Palmer, of one acre of land for the purpose of a burying ground, and which is now used in that way, of and from the northeast quarter of section number thirty-four, township number sixty-eight north, of range number four west, in the county of Lee, and Territory of Iowa.

Approved December 23, 1840.