

CHAPTER 84.

AN ACT to authorize Joseph Ehle and Isaac Ramsay to erect a dam across English river, in Washington county.

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

SECTION 1. Point where dam is to be erected. That Joseph Ehle and Isaac Ramsay, their heirs or assigns, are hereby authorized to erect and keep a dam across English river at a point where the said Ehle and Ramsay have commenced building a mill on said river, in the county of Washington.

SEC. 2. Penalty for injury, etc., to dam. Any person who shall destroy or in anywise 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 owners may have sustained, or be imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. Not to overflow lands of others. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the individuals named in this act, their heirs or assigns, to enter upon and flow the lands of any persons 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.

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CHAPTER 85.

AN ACT to district the county of Cedar into county commissioners' districts.

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

SECTION 1. Cedar county districted—District No. 1—District No. 2—District No. 3. That said county shall be divided into three county commissioners' districts, as follows, to wit: that portion of the county of Cedar included in township seventy-nine, shall be known as district number 1; and all that portion of said county that is included in townships eighty, and the south half of eighty-one, shall be known as district number two; and that portion of said county which is included in the north half of township eighty-one and township eighty-two, shall be known as district number three.

SEC. 2. Of election of commissioners. *And be it further enacted,* That at the next general election there shall be elected from district number one, one county commissioner; and ever thereafter, annually, there shall be elected from each district one county commissioner, alternately, according to provisions of the law regulating general elections.

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