

CHAPTER 94.

AN ACT to authorize Peter Brewer and Company to build a bridge over Skunk river.

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

SECTION 1. Where bridge to be erected—proviso. That Peter Brewer, and such other persons as shall be connected with him in the undertaking, be and they are hereby authorized to build a bridge over Skunk river at or near the mouth of Long Creek: provided, said bridge shall be erected in three years' time.

SEC. 2. Of Bridge, etc. Said bridge shall have stone abutments and piers, and the wood work shall be made sufficiently strong and durable to render [103] the passage over the same safe to the heaviest kind of traveling vehicles.

SEC. 3. Height, etc.—duty of company. Said bridge shall be raised sufficiently high not to impair the navigation of the stream; or if said company otherwise desire, they may erect said bridge in such manner that a portion of the same may be raised after the manner of a drawbridge, for the purpose of permitting water crafts to pass; and in such case they shall always have some one in ready attendance to assist the passage of any boat, vessel, or other water conveyance.

SEC. 4. Style—powers—proviso—disposition of stock, etc. Said company shall be known by the name of and style of the "Skunk river bridge company," and by that name may sue and be sued, and shall have other corporate powers to adopt for themselves such by-laws and regulations for their government as a majority of the stockholders may deem expedient: provided, the same be not [in] contravention of the laws of the United States or this territory; shall have succession to them, their heirs and assigns, for fifteen years; and each member shall have power to sell or otherwise dispose of his interest in said bridge as he may desire, and his stock shall be liable to execution as personal property.

SEC. 5. Officers. Said company shall elect a president and three trustees, on any of whom a summons in law may be served under the same regulations and with like effect as in ordinary cases.

SEC. 6. Prohibition—limit of stock. Said company shall not exercise any banking privileges, and shall purchase no other personal or real property than may be necessary for the erection of said bridge; and the stock of said company, for the purpose aforesaid, shall not exceed ten thousand dollars, and may be held in shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 7. Toll. The rate of toll for crossing over said bridge shall be such as the county commissioners of Lee and Des Moines counties shall together agree upon.

Approved, January 15, 1841.

CHAPTER 95.

AN ACT to authorize John Godden, his heirs or assigns, to build a dam across the Des Moines river.

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

SECTION 1. Point at which dam is to be constructed—height—to contain lock, etc. That John Godden, his heirs or assigns, are hereby authorized to construct a dam across the Des Moines river, in Van Buren county, in said