

CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT to authorize Martin W. Smith to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, in Scott county.

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

SECTION 1. Authority to keep a ferry in Scott county—limits—regulation and restrictions. That Martin W. Smith, his heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at the town of Le Claire in Scott county, and for one-half mile above, for the term of ten years from the first of April next; provided, that said ferry when so established, shall be subject to the same regulations and under the same restrictions as other ferries are, or may hereafter be by the laws of this territory; fixing the rate of tolls, and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and regulated.

SEC. 2. Boats and hands to be kept. That said Martin W. Smith, his heirs and assigns, shall, on or before the first of April next, procure and constantly keep at said ferry, a good and sufficient number of flat boats and a sufficient number of hands to work the same, for the transportation of all persons and their property, across said river when passable without delay.

SEC. 3. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Approved January 11, 1842.

[9] CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT to incorporate the Mechanics' Institute of Dubuque.

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

SECTION 1. Company declared a body corporate—style and corporate powers. That Joseph Ogilby, James Reece, Wm. H. Robbins, Benjamin Rupert, A. Cain, R. J. Laughling, M. Hooper, John H. Anderson, James McGreary, J. R. Harvey, D. S. Wilson, A. Keesecker, C. Miller, J. M. Daugherty, J. Smith, Wm. D. Redman, Wm. Miller, P. C. Morehiser, Wm. Read, J. E. Norris, Wm. Hooper, F. Yager, C. Pelan, R. F. Keeling, L. L. Wood, S. B. Johnson, Jacob Harmon and E. S. E. Davis, and their associates and successors, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name of the Mechanics' Institute of Dubuque; and by that name may have succession, and shall be able in law and equity, to sue and be sued, and hold property, personal, real and mixed, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars; to select and choose officers, and make and ordain such by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be convenient or necessary, for conducting the affairs of said institute, not contrary to law.

SEC. 2. Object of corporation. The objects of the said corporation are hereby declared to be, to procure a suitable lot of ground and erect thereon, a proper and convenient building for the institute to hold their meetings in; and for the purpose of furnishing themselves with a suitable library for the members of the same; and for all other purposes, which a majority of the members may deem proper, which may not be a violation of law.

SEC. 3. Each member liable for the performance of contracts. Each member of said institution shall be personally liable, for the performance of all contracts and obligations, entered into by the same.

Approved January 11, 1842.

CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT to locate and establish a territorial road from the county seat of Delaware county, to the town of West Cascade, in Dubuque 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 Joel Bailey, of Delaware county, Edward Steel, of Dubuque county, and Mahon Lupton, of Jones county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to locate and establish a territorial road, viz.: from the county seat of Delaware, to Dillon's mill; thence across the river and running the west side of the Makoqueta, to the falls on said river, at the town of West Cascade.

SEC. 2. When and where commissioners to meet—oath to be taken. That the said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at West Cascade, on the first Monday in April next, or at such other time as they, or a majority of them may agree upon, within twelve months thereafter, for the performance of said duty; and prior to commencing the same, shall take and subscribe before some justice of the peace, the usual form of oath, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

SEC. 3. Compensation of commissioners, surveyors, etc.—how paid. That the said commissioners and the surveyor, shall each receive the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day; and the chain carriers and markers shall each receive the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, during the time they may be necessarily employed on said road; to be paid according to an act entitled "an act to locate and establish territorial roads."

Approved January 18, 1842.

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT to authorize Perriander Pollock, and others, to erect a dam across the Wabesipinicon river.

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

SECTION 1. Authority to erect a dam—where—height of dam—width and length of lock. That Perriander Pollock, and his associates, be and they are hereby authorized, to erect a dam across the Wabesipinicon river, in Clinton county in said territory; on the southeast quarter of section eight, in township eighty, north, range two east of the fifth principal meridian; which said dam, shall not exceed two and a half feet in height, above common low water mark; and in said dam, shall be constructed a lock or apron, at least thirty feet wide, and eighty feet long, so as to admit of boats to descend, and ascend, with safety.

SEC. 2. Persons guilty of injury to said dam guilty of misdemeanor—penalty. That any person who shall destroy or otherwise injure said dam,