

[21]. CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled "An act to authorize evidence by the oath of parties."

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

SECTION 1. Examination of parties in suit—proof of set-off or demand—proof of keeping correct accounts. That upon the examination of either party, upon the application of the opposite party, in any suit in any court in this territory, said suit being founded on contract, should said party be unable to testify to the correctness or incorrectness of any item or items, in the demand or set-off, the party wishing to prove said demand or set-off shall be allowed to swear to the correctness of said item or items; provided they shall have been charged by him in a regular account, and he shall prove by competent testimony that he is in the habit of keeping his account or accounts correctly.

SEC. 2. This act to be in force and take effect from and after its passage. Approved January 28, 1842.

CHAPTER 26.

AN ACT to authorize the county commissioners of Van Buren county to grant a license to Jesse Wright and Henry Bateman to keep a ferry across the Des Moines river at Watertown.

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

SECTION 1. Grant of license for ferry for five years—regulation. That the county commissioners of Van Buren county, be and they are hereby authorized and directed to grant a license to Jesse Wright and Henry Bateman, of said county, for the term of five years, to keep a ferry across the Des Moines river opposite Watertown: provided, said Wright and Bateman shall in all respects be subject to the law regulating ferries in this territory.

SEC. 2. Construction of act. This act shall not be so construed as to prevent L. P. Harris, his heirs or assigns, from obtaining a license to keep a ferry at any subsequent time.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its passage. Approved January 28, 1842.

CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT to authorize Robert M. G. Patterson to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at the mouth of Nassua Slough.

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

SECTION 1. Right to keep a ferry—term of years—subject to regulations—construction of act. That Robert M. G. Patterson, his heirs and assigns. [22] be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across