

the Mississippi river at or near the mouth of Nassau slough, in the county of Lee, for the term of ten years from the passage of this act: provided, that said ferry, when so established, shall be subject to the regulations, and under the same restrictions, as other ferries are or may hereafter be by the laws of this territory, fixing the rates of tolls, and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept and regulated: provided also, that this act shall not be so construed as to interfere with the right that any individual may have to the lands on either side of the river.

**SEC. 2. Privilege of others—boat and number of hands—time allowed.** That no court or board of county commissioners shall authorize any person or persons to keep a ferry within the limits of one mile above the mouth of said Nassau slough: provided, that the said Robert M. G. Patterson shall keep at said ferry a good and sufficient flat-boat, with 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, within five months from the passage of this act: and the said Robert M. G. Patterson shall, within five years, procure a good and sufficient horse or steam ferry boat.

**SEC. 3.** This act to take effect from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington Manufacturing Company.

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

**SECTION 1. Body politic—to sue and be sued—conveying estate—value of property.** That Williard Hammond, James H. Gower, and Robert Gower, and such other persons as may associate themselves with them, be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, to be known by the name and style of the Washington Manufacturing Company and by that name shall have perpetual succession; may sue and be sued in all courts of law or equity, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling, leasing and conveying estate, real, personal, or mixed, so far as may be necessary for the purposes herein named; and for all other purposes necessary to consummate the objects of this incorporation: provided the value of said property shall not exceed forty thousand dollars.

**SEC. 2. Power to construct a dam—lock—dimensions—time of construction.** That said Williard Hammond, James H. Gower, Robert Gower, their associates and successors, be and they are hereby authorized, to construct a dam across the Cedar River, at Washington ferry in Cedar county; which said dam shall not exceed five feet in height, and shall contain a convenient lock, at least one hundred and twenty-five feet in length, and at least thirty-five feet in width; which said lock shall always be kept in a condition convenient and practicable, for the passage of steam, keel, and flat-boats, rafts, and other crafts; and shall be finished within three years from the passage of this act.

**SEC. 3. Repair of lock—passage of boats free of toll—damages for detention.** That said company shall at all times, keep said lock in good repair; and shall, at all times, on the arrival of any boat or other water-[23]-craft as before specified, pass the same through said lock free of toll and without any unnecessary delay; and any person who shall be unnecessarily detained, shall be entitled to recover of said owners, double the amount of damage he may sustain by reason of such detention.

**SEC. 4. Penalty for malicious injury—imprisonment.** That if any person shall in anywise destroy or injure said dam or lock [he] shall be deemed to have committed a trespass, and shall be liable accordingly; and any person who shall wilfully and maliciously destroy or injure said dam or lock, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined treble the amount of damage the owners may have sustained, and be imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

**SEC. 5. Not to flow lands of others—health endangered.** That nothing in this act contained, shall authorize said company to enter upon or flow the lands of any person, without the consent of such person; and said company shall remove all such nuisances as may be occasioned by the erection of said dam, which may endanger the health of citizens in its vicinity.

**SEC. 6. Notice for meeting of members—by-laws and arrangements—not to conflict with laws of U. S.** That any member of said company, may at any time within one year from the passage of this act, by giving at least thirty days previous notice, call a meeting of its members; and said company when convened, shall call one of their number to preside, and may proceed to enact such by-laws, rules and regulations for its government, and such arrangements for the management and conduct of its business, as a majority of them may deem right and proper: provided, the same do not conflict with the laws of the United States, and of this territory and future state of Iowa.

**SEC. 7. Creation of shares not to exceed.** That the capital stock of said company, shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and as many such shares may be created as the company may direct: provided, they do not in the aggregate, exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars.

**SEC. 8. To be altered, amended or repealed—liability of all debts.** That the legislature of the territory or state of Iowa, may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act; each member of the Washington Manufacturing Company aforesaid, shall be personally liable for the payment of all debts due from the company.

**SEC. 7.** That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 29.

AN ACT to incorporate a college at Washington, in Washington county.

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

**SECTION 1. Names ordained a body corporate—to sue and be sued—pleading, etc.—liability for all debts—common seal.** That George Vincent, William G. Lee, Albert Sturgess, George B. Stover, Alexander Lee, John Cleaves, Henry F. McCully, and William J. Case, and their associates and successors, be and they are hereby ordained, constituted and declared a body corporate in law, by the name and style of the Washington College; and by that name they and their associates and successors, shall have perpetual succession, and [24] shall be capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, answering and being answered, defending and being defended, against all manner of actions, suits and complaints, in any of the courts of this territory, and the board of directors of said corporation shall be jointly and severally bound for all debts contracted by said board, in the name of said corporation: pro-