

CHAPTER 79.

AN ACT relative to the navigation of the Maquoqueta river.

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

SECTION 1. River declared to be a public highway—any obstruction a misdemeanor. That the Maquoqueta river, be and it is hereby declared to be a public highway, for all navigable purposes whatsoever; and if any person shall in any manner, impede or obstruct the navigation of said river, he shall be considered to have committed a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. Owners of mill dams to construct schutes or locks for the passage of boats. That in case of any obstructions in said river, by mill dams or other dams, prior to the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of said mill dams or other dams, to forthwith construct such schutes or locks in said dams, as will admit flat-boats, or other boats, crafts, etc., to pass with safety; that said schutes or locks shall be at least twenty feet wide, and one hundred and twenty feet long, and shall be completed so as to pass boats and other crafts, within two years from the passage of this act.

Approved, February 16, 1842.

[68] CHAPTER 80.

AN ACT amendatory of an act to regulate ferries, approved December 20, 1838.

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

SECTION 1. Power of board of commissioners to regulate ferries. That the several boards of commissioners of the counties of this Territory, are hereby empowered and required to regulate and establish the rates of ferriage, on every ferry in their respective counties, kept by authority of a charter from a Legislative Assembly.

SEC. 2. Duty of clerks of commissioners, and keepers of ferries. That the duty of the clerk of said boards, in such cases, shall be the same as that prescribed in section six of the act to which this is amendatory; and the duty and liability of the keepers of such ferries shall be the same as that prescribed in said act, so far as the same may not be contradictory to those in the charter granted them.

Approved, February 16, 1842.

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT to authorize Samuel Wells to build a dam across Skunk river.

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

SECTION 1. Right to build a dam—point to build. That Samuel Wells, his heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to build and keep a dam across Skunk river, on the southeast quarter of section number six, in town-