

and said lock or sluice shall, after completed, be kept in good repair, for the passage of all kinds of water-craft without delay and free of charge.

SEC. 8. Injury or malicious destruction—fine and imprisonment. That any person who shall destroy or in any wise injure either said dam or lock, shall be deemed to have committed a trespass, and shall be accordingly liable; and any person who shall wilfully or maliciously, in anywise injure or destroy said dam or lock, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be fined treble the amount of damage sustained by said company, or imprisoned at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 9. Insolvency of corporation. That if said incorporation should become insolvent, and fail thereby to meet any obligation against them, the stockholders thereof shall be personally liable therefor.

SEC. 10. That this act may be amended or repealed by any subsequent legislature of this territory, or State of Iowa.

SEC. 11. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 17, 1842.

CHAPTER 92.

AN ACT to re-locate a part of a territorial road, in Washington county.

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

SECTION 1. Point to be changed. That the territorial road which commences at a point where the military road crosses the north line of Washington county; thence to the north line of the State of Missouri, via Washington, Brighton, and Fairfield, be and the same is hereby changed, so as to [83] run from the fifteenth mile stake, on said road, to intersect a county road leading from Washington to Richmond, in said county, at a point one half mile north of the town plat of the said town of Washington; thence on said road to the public square in said town.

Approved, February 17, 1842.

CHAPTER 93.

AN ACT to authorize the establishment of poor houses.

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

SECTION 1. Power of county commissioners to erect poor houses—purchase of land—tax to defray—to pay over. That the county commissioners of each and every county within this territory, shall be, and they are hereby authorized, to erect and establish poor houses within their respective counties, whenever in their opinion, such a measure will be proper and advantageous, and for that purpose it shall be lawful for said commissioners, to purchase such lot or tract of land, as they may deem necessary for the accommodation of the institution: provided, that if the commissioners of any county shall think proper to purchase land, and erect a poor house under the provisions of this act, the expense of such purchase and erection, shall be de-