

## [92] CHAPTER 72.

## ROAD.

AN ACT to establish a territorial road from Iowaville, on the Des Moines river, to the Missouri line at the point where the Mormon trace crosses said line.

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

**SECTION 1. Commissioners, appointment of, road to commence at Iowaville, on Des Moines River, route of.** That Robert Merchant, Levine N. English, of Davis county, and James Jordan, of Van Buren county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a territorial road from Iowaville on the Des Moines, via the residences of Wm. Wooden and L. N. English, to the point on the line of the state of Missouri where the Mormon trace crosses said line.

**SEC. 2. Commissioners where and when to meet.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Iowaville on the first Monday of May, 1844, or at some convenient period within three months thereafter, and proceed to locate said road according to law, from said town of Iowaville to its termination, as specified in the first section of this act.

**SEC. 3. Compensation of commissioners and others, and by whom paid.** Said commissioners and other persons necessarily employed in locating said road shall be allowed such compensation for their services as the county commissioners of the counties through which said road shall pass may think right and just.

**SEC. 4. Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 5th February, 1844.

## CHAPTER 73.

## ROAD.

AN ACT to locate a territorial road from Davenport to Iowa City.

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

**SECTION 1. Appointment of commissioners; road, where to commence, route of.** That Richard Randall, of Muscatine county, John Boydston, of Cedar county, and Peter H. Patterson, of Johnson [93] county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a territorial road, from Davenport, in Scott county, by way of Centre Grove, in Muscatine county, and Rochester, in Cedar county, to Iowa City, in Johnson county.

**SEC. 2. Commissioners where and when to meet, oath of; how to proceed in location, compensation for, how paid.** That said commissioners shall meet at the town of Davenport, on the first Monday in June next, or on any day thereafter in said month upon which said commissioners may agree, and proceed to locate said road, with the assistance of a competent surveyor, two chainmen and one marker, who, together with the commissioners, shall take an oath for the faithful and impartial performance of their respective duties. Said commissioners shall locate said road according to the provisions of and be

governed by "An act to provide for laying out and opening territorial roads," approved December 29th, 1838; and shall, together with the surveyor, chainmen and marker, be paid in the manner pointed out in said act.

**SEC. 3. Amount of compensation to commissioners and others.** That the commissioners, surveyor, chainmen and marker, shall receive for their services the following compensation: the commissioners two dollars each, per day; the surveyor two dollars per day; the chainmen one dollar and fifty cents each, per day; and the marker one dollar and fifty cents per day, for every day that they may be necessarily employed in performing the duties enjoined upon them by this act.

**SEC. 4. Time of taking effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, 5th February, 1844.

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## CHAPTER 74.

### CHANGE OF NAME.

AN ACT to allow Avery Thomas to change his name.

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

**SECTION 1. May take name of Lewis Ashton Thomas, instead of Avery Thomas.** That Avery Thomas, of Dubuque county, in said territory, may take the name of Lewis Ashton Thomas, instead of his present name of Avery Thomas.

**SEC. 2. Not to affect contracts or liabilities.** That this act shall in no way affect or impair any contract heretofore made or entered into by said Thomas, or in any manner affect any debt or liability now resting upon him.

Approved, 5th February, 1844.

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## [94] CHAPTER 75.

### FERRY.

AN ACT to authorize Guy Wells and James Wilson to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at Fort Madison.

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

**SECTION 1. Authority to keep ferry, when to be established, nature of privilege, duration of term, restriction.** That Guy Wells and James Wilson, their heirs and assigns, be and they are hereby authorized to establish and keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Fort Madison, in Lee county, within the following limits: commencing at the west side of Cedar street, and extending down said river so far as said town of Fort Madison is bounded by the same below said street; and that the said Guy Wells and James Wilson, their heirs and assigns, have the exclusive privilege of ferrying within the above limits for the term of fifteen years from and after the passage of this act: provided, that said ferry shall be subject to the same regulations and re-