

tary of state. The said commissioners, or one of them, shall personally inspect and examine each section or subdivision of land selected, and shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the general assembly of this state.

Approved, January 15, 1849.

[92] CHAPTER 76.

FERRY.

AN ACT to authorize Augustus Phelps to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river at the town of Lyons, in Clinton county.

SECTION 1. Ferry to be kept at Lyons—exclusive privilege—proviso. That Augustus Phelps, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to keep a ferry across the Mississippi river, at the town of Lyons, in Clinton county, within the following limits: beginning one-half mile above said town of Lyons, and extending down said river to the southern line of said town; and that the said Augustus Phelps, his heirs and assigns, have the exclusive privilege of ferrying within the above named limits for the term of five years from and after the passage of this act: *provided*, that the said ferry shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ferries are, or may be hereafter, by law, in this state, fixing the rates of toll, and prescribing the manner in which licensed ferries shall be kept.

SEC. 2. Horse boat to be kept. That the said Augustus Phelps, his heirs and assigns, shall keep, or cause to be kept, at the place aforesaid, a good horse ferry boat, with a sufficient number of hands and horses to work the same, for the transportation of all persons and their property across said river, when passable, without delay.

SEC. 3. Proviso. *Provided, also*, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with the right that any individual may have to the lands on either side of said river.

SEC. 4. Repealing section. That any future general assembly may have the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

This bill having remained with the governor three days, (Sundays excepted,) and the legislative assembly being in session, it has become a law this 15th day of January, 1849.

JOSIAH H. BONNEY, Secretary of State.

[93] CHAPTER 77.

JONES COUNTY.

AN ACT to preserve the records of Jones county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Manuscript records to be bound. That the board of commissioners of the county of Jones, be and they are hereby required to have all the manuscript records, in the office of the recorder of Jones county, bound in a substantial manner.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, Jan. 15, 1848.

CHAPTER 78.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

AN ACT to establish normal schools.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. **State divided into three districts—each district to educate eight teachers—proviso—duties of superintendent.** That the state be divided into three districts, in each of which there shall be established a normal school for the education of common school teachers and others. Each school shall educate eight teachers, free of charge of tuition, who shall teach, for the term of three years, common schools within the state: said schools shall be established at Andrew, Oskaloosa, and Mount Pleasant: *provided always*, that religious sectarianism shall, under no circumstances, be incorporated into the system of instruction contemplated in this act. The superintendent of public instruction shall proceed, as soon after the passage of this act as practicable, to divide the state into three districts.

SEC. 2. **Trustees, and the term for which appointed.** That each normal school shall be governed by a board of seven trustees, to be appointed by the board of trustees of the university, two of whom shall hold their office two years, two for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and one for six years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified: their respective terms of service to be determined by lot at the first regular meeting of the board after their organization.

[94] SEC. 3. **When trustees to meet.** The board of trustees shall meet on the first Wednesday of April next, and appoint a president, vice president, secretary, who shall also be librarian and treasurer, and prepare a code of by-laws for the government of their body, and rules and regulations for the government of the school.

SEC. 4. **\$500 appropriated—proviso.** That the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, annually, to each school, to be drawn quarterly out of the university fund by the several treasurers, to be expended in payment of teacher's wages, purchasing books, maps, charts, globes, chemical and philosophical apparatus, and mathematical instruments: *provided always*, that the friends of education shall furnish funds to the amount of not less than five hundred dollars to erect such buildings for the use of said normal schools as the board of trustees may deem necessary.

SEC. 5. **Report to superintendent.** The board of trustees shall, annually, or oftener if required, report to the superintendent of public instruction the condition of their school, progress of improvement of pupils, and state of the finances, in such a manner as prescribed by the aforesaid officers.

SEC. 6. **Annual meeting.** The annual meeting of the board shall be on the first Wednesday of October, in each year, at which time they shall report the names of pupils qualified to teach common schools.

SEC. 7. **Take effect.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 15, 1849.