

**Sec. 10. Take effect.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Dubuque Democrat and Lansing Intelligencer: provided, said county of Alamakee shall be at the expense of said publication.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

## CHAPTER 98.

### SWAMP LANDS.

AN ACT appointing agents to superintend the making of levees and drains to reclaim certain swamp lands in the counties of Muscatine and Louisa.

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

**SECTION 1. Agents—duty—oath.** That William H. Miller, of Muscatine county; and John C. Lockwood, of Louisa county, in this state, be and are hereby appointed as agents to superintend the construction of the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp lands situated on the Muscatine island, and on the borders of the Muscatine slough, within the said counties of Muscatine and Louisa. And the said William H. Miller and John C. Lockwood are hereby authorized, after subscribing an oath before the county judges of their respective counties, for the faithful performance of their duty, to proceed immediately to construct the necessary levees and drains for the reclaiming of said swamp lands.

**SEC. 2. Proceeds of land expended.** The proceeds of the sales of such swamp lands, on said Muscatine island and slough, as may be conveyed by the United States to the state of Iowa, in conformity with an act of congress, passed 28th September, 1850, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied to defray the expense incurred by said agents in their respective counties, in constructing the necessary levees and drains for the reclaiming of said swamp lands.

[155] **SEC. 3. Compensation.** The said William H. Miller and John C. Lockwood, shall receive such compensation for their services as the county judges of their respective counties may deem just to award them, to be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of said swamp lands.

**SEC. 4. Take effect.** This act to take effect from and after its publication in the "Muscatine Enquirer" and "Louisa County Times;" provided, that the state shall be at no expense for said publication.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Muscatine Enquirer, Feb. 5, and Louisa County Times, Feb. 8, 1853.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,  
Secretary of State..