

Lake St. Croix, and to demand, receive, and collect therefor, the same compensation as is by this section, provided for the delivery of logs or timber at any point between the foot of said Boom and the said head of Lake St. Croix: *Provided*, That rafts of sawed lumber or timber of any kind which may by accident or otherwise, float into said Boom, shall only be charged such reasonable compensation as will indemnify the owners of said Boom for the safe delivery thereof.

Charges for scaleage, and boom charges, when due.

SEC. 14. The charges for scaleage, and the Boom charges aforesaid, shall be deemed due and shall be paid to the said Company when the said logs are scaled and are ready for delivery as aforesaid; and the said Company shall be responsible to the Surveyor for the scaling of such logs or timber.

Rafts and vessels to be passed freely.

SEC. 15. The said Boom Company shall always give passage, by or through their said Boom, at all times, to any raft running down the said River St. Croix, and to all steamboats, keel boats, or flat boats running either up or down the said river, without any let, hindrance or delay, by reason, or on account of said Boom.

Legislature reserves the right to alter or amend.

SEC. 16. The Legislature of this Territory shall have the right to alter or amend this act, at any time after the period of ten years from the passage of this act.

M. E. AMES,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
D. B. LOOMIS,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED, February seventh, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
St. Paul, Feb. 20, 1851. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original on file in this office.

C. K. SMITH,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

CHAP. X.—An Act to authorize the Establishment and Regulation of Ferries.

Feb. 19, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, The Board of Commissioners, of any county in this Territory, may grant a license to any person applying therefor, to keep a Ferry across any stream within their respective counties, upon being satisfied that a Ferry is necessary at the point applied for; but no Ferry shall be established within one-half mile of any Ferry already established, unless when the County Commissioners think it necessary.

The Board of Commissioners of any county may grant licenses.

SEC. 2. The Board of Commissioners shall tax such sum as may appear reasonable, not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars per annum; and the person to whom such license shall be granted, shall pay to the County Treasurer, the tax for one year in advance, and file the receipt therefor with the Register of Deeds; and shall also pay to the said Register one dollar, as fees for issuing said license.

Tax for licenses.

Licenses to bear the County Commissioners' seal—term of duration.

SEC. 3. All licenses for Ferries, granted under the provisions of this act, shall be sealed with the seal of the Board of Commissioners, and signed by the President of the Board, attested by the Register of Deeds, and may be granted for any period not exceeding two years.

Notice of intention to apply for license to be publicly given.

SEC. 4. All persons intending to apply for a license, shall give notice of their intention to apply for a license for a Ferry, at a certain point, by posting up at least three notices in public places, in the neighborhood where the Ferry is proposed to be kept, twenty days prior to any regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners: *Provided*, That when application shall be made for a renewal of a license, where the former license has expired, the same may be granted or renewed, without previous notice or petition.

Regulations of the Ferry.

SEC. 5. Every person obtaining a license to keep a Ferry, shall provide and keep in complete repair, the necessary boat or boats, for the safe conveyance of persons and property, and shall keep a sufficient number of hands to give due attendance, from day light in the morning until dark in the evening; and shall, moreover, at any hour in the night or day, when called upon for the purpose, convey the United States Mail or other public express, across said Ferry: *Provided*, That when the stream is impassable from the high stage of water, or from the drift ice in the river, or when the river is frozen over, no damage shall be recovered for a failure or refusal to convey any person or property across said stream.

The Commissioners to regulate the rate of Ferriage.

SEC. 6. Whenever a Board of Commissioners, of any county, shall grant a license to keep a Ferry across any stream, the said Board shall establish the rate of ferriage which may be demanded for the transportation of persons and property; and the Register of Deeds shall furnish every person to whom a license has been granted, a list of the rate of ferriage allowed at said Ferry; which list the ferry-keeper shall post up at the door of his ferry-house, or in some other conspicuous place, near the landing of said Ferry; and any person who shall demand or receive more than the amount so designated, for ferrying, shall pay such sum, not exceeding twenty dollars, as any court having competent jurisdiction shall determine; to be recovered in an action of debt, by any person suing for the same.

Penalty for maintaining a Ferry without license.

SEC. 7. Any person who shall maintain any Ferry and receive pay for ferriage, without first obtaining a license for the same, shall pay a fine of not less than one, nor more than twenty-five dollars; to be collected for the use of the county, by any person who may sue for the same.

License tax, to whom & how paid.

SEC. 8. Any person who shall have obtained a license for a Ferry, shall pay his yearly tax to the County Treasurer, and file the Treasurer's receipt with the Register of Deeds; and whenever there shall be a failure of filing such receipt on the part of any person or persons, having a license to keep a Ferry, for twenty days after the expiration of the time when such tax shall have become due, the said Register of Deeds, shall forthwith cause suit to be brought against such person or persons, so failing aforesaid, in the name of the Board of Commissioners of the county, for said tax, with ten per cent. interest thereon; and every such failure to pay said tax, as aforesaid, within twenty days after the time it becomes due, shall annul the license of any such person or persons, so failing as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. All annual taxes for Ferries, shall be paid in advance; and no license for a Ferry, for a longer period than one year shall be granted at a special meeting of any Board of Commissioners, nor shall the payment of any annual tax imposed by this act, be valid or complete, until the Treasurer's receipt shall have been filed in the Register of Deeds' office.

The license to be paid in advance.

M. E. AMES,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
D. B. LOOMIS,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED, February nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }  
St. Paul, May 13, 1851. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original act, remaining on file in this office.

C. K. SMITH,

*Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.*

CHAP. XI.—*An Act to provide for laying out a Territorial Road from St. Anthony to the west bank of Lake St. Croix, opposite Willowriver.*

Feb. 3, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That John Morgan, C. D. Dorr, and Joseph M. Marshall, be, and the same are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and mark a Territorial Road, commencing at the village of St. Anthony Falls; from thence on the most direct and feasible route, by John Morgan's Tavern, on the road leading from Stillwater to St. Paul, to the lower ferry on the west side of Lake St. Croix, opposite to the village of Willowriver, Wis.

Commissioners to locate and mark road, and route thereof.

SEC. 2. That the said commissioners, or any two of them meet at the store of W. R. and J. M. Marshall, at the Falls of St. Anthony, on the second Tuesday of April next, at ten o'clock, A. M., or as soon after as practicable, for the purpose of discharging their duties, and that they be, and are hereby authorized to adjourn from time to time, as a majority of them may deem proper; and the commissioners, when assembled, shall proceed to lay out and mark said road, in accordance with the provisions of law in such cases made and provided.

Duty of Commissioners.

M. E. AMES,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
D. B. LOOMIS,  
*President of the Council.*

APPROVED, February third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

ALEX. RAMSEY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, }  
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