

CHAPTER 253.

S. F. No. 536.

Pillager.
Indian War:
relief of Cass
county.

An act to appropriate the sum of eight hundred (\$800) dollars for the relief of Cass county, Minnesota, and certain of its citizens on account of extraordinary expenses incurred in defending the border settlement at the time of the Pillager and Bear Island troubles and threatened outbreak of the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota in the year eighteen hundred ninety-eight (1898).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

\$800 appropriated to reimburse Cass County for arms, ammunition, etc.

SECTION 1. That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the general revenue fund of this state, or out of any fund applicable thereto, the sum of eight hundred (\$800) dollars, and the same is hereby set aside as a fund to be used by the state auditor of this state in paying off certain extraordinary expenses incurred by and guaranteed to be paid by the individual members of the board of county commissioners of Cass county, Minnesota, and other citizens of said county in organizing, obtaining arms, ammunition, bringing in outlying settlers, and guarding against depredations of life and property during the Pillager and Bear Island troubles and threatened outbreak of the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota during the year eighteen hundred ninety-eight (1898).

Appropriation,
how paid.

SEC. 2. The state auditor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for eight hundred (\$800) dollars on the state treasury in favor of the treasurer of Cass county, Minnesota, for the relief of said county and its citizens on account of the matters in section one set forth; said money to be disbursed under the directions and by authority of the board of county commissioners of said county.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1899.

CHAPTER 254.

S. F. No. 111.

State Capitol.

An act to amend section 12 of chapter 2 of the General Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a new capitol for the State of Minnesota" (being section 506 of chapter 6, title 18, General Statutes 1894).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That section twelve (12) of chapter two (2) of the General Laws of 1893, approved April 7, 1893, be and the same is hereby amended by striking out, in the forty-fifth (45th) line of said section, the words and figures "not less than ten (10)," so that, when so amended, the said section shall read as follows:

Sec. 12, c. 2.
Laws 1893,
amended.

"All labor, material, transportation, or construction required by the provisions of this act, as well as all job printing, advertising or other work which can be so done under this act, shall be done or furnished by contract.

labor to be
done by
contract.

The board is authorized to contract for the construction of the entire building by a contractor, who may undertake the whole work, or the said board may divide the work into appropriate classes, and make separate contracts as to either of them as may or may not seem to them to be for the best interests of the state; but, in the event of separate contracts, the total amount to be paid for the whole work, including the purchase or securing of the site, the plans, supervision and erection of the building and all expenditures of every nature to be made or contracted for, by virtue of this act, shall not exceed said sum of two million dollars as aforesaid, and every contract shall be absolutely void which causes the aggregate of said contracts and expenditures to exceed said sum of two million dollars. All lettings of the work exceeding in amount the sum of five hundred dollars shall be advertised in two daily newspapers of general circulation in this state for not less than fifteen days, and shall call for sealed bids, accompanied by such security as said board shall prescribe.

Board
empowered to
contract for
whole or may
let separate
contracts for
parts.

All bids received by said board may be by them rejected, and, whether accepted or rejected, shall within thirty days after decision thereon by said board be deposited in the office of the secretary of state.

Power of
board to
reject bids.

In all contracts, the interest of the state shall be protected by proper bonds to be determined by said board; *provided*, that no such bonds shall be in a sum less than one-half of the contract price. All contracts for material and labor shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the contractor and by the president or vice president of the board. In any cases where there are bidders and materials from other states the preference shall be given, the quality and terms being equally favorable, to the bidders and materials within this state. All contracts with the builders, architects, engineers, superintendents or material men shall reserve the right of the board, for good cause shown, to annul the contract, and the board shall make no allowance for damages, but only for expenses incurred and for labor performed.

Interest of
state to be
protected by
bonds of not
less than one-
half contract
price.

Payment reserved from monthly estimates until completion.

Such per cent as in the judgment of the board shall seem proper shall be reserved from payments on the monthly estimates on work contracted, until such contract, or the portion thereof to which such payments are by the terms of such contract made applicable, shall have been completed, inspected and accepted.

Materials to be of best quality.

All materials contracted for shall be of the best quality, and, so far as the said board are of the opinion that the same can be done consistently with the best interests of the state, preference shall in all cases be given to Minnesota material and labor, and the directions, plans and specifications of the work shall be executed by skilled and reputable architects, contractors, artists, mechanics and laborers.

State not to be bound earlier than same is applicable.

No contract shall be made which shall bind the state to make payment of any sum earlier than the same shall be by law made applicable thereto."

Board not to change contracts except by consent of sureties.

SEC. 2. The said board shall not in any manner modify or change any of the conditions of any contract or contracts existing between said board and any contractor or contractors, at the time of the passage of this act, *except after having first obtained upon the surety or sureties upon the bond of said contractor or contractors the assent and consent, in writing, of such surety or sureties to each and every such intended modification or change, the said surety or sureties further agreeing to remain and continue to be responsible under said bond, the same as if said modification or change had not been made; or in lieu thereof, the said board shall demand and receive a new bond from said contractor or contractors.*

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 17, 1899.

H. F. No. 498.

CHAPTER 255.

Lands, record evidence of title to.

An act to perfect the record evidence of title to certain lands and to make an appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Deeds and instruments of title to railroad lands to be recorded in proper county on application of county board.

SECTION 1. That whenever, under any law heretofore existing, any deeds, mortgages, trust deeds, foreclosure proceedings or any other instruments affecting the title to any lands in this state heretofore owned by any railroad company have been recorded in the office of the