

CHAP. IX.—An Act providing for the proper observance of the Sabbath.

Nov. 1, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, serve or execute, or cause to be served or executed, any writ, precept, warrant, order, judgment, or decree, except in cases of treason, felony and breach of the peace; but the serving of any such writ, precept, warrant, order, judgment or decree, shall be void to all intents or purposes whatsoever; and the person or persons so serving or executing the same shall be as liable to the suit of the party grieved, and answer the damages to him for doing thereof, as if he or they had done the same without any writ, warrant or order, judgment or decree at all.

SEC. 2. If any person shall do or perform any secular employment or business on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday, (works of necessity and mercy excepted) or shall use or practise any unlawful game, hunting, shooting, sport or diversion whatsoever on the said day, to the disturbance of the community, shall, on conviction thereof, for any such offence forfeit and pay the sum of three dollars.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons who shall by any disorderly, riotous or profane conduct, wantonly desecrate or abuse the Lord's day, (Sunday) shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars.

SEC. 4. Any person or persons who shall land any goods, wares or merchandize at any wharf, landing or other place within this Territory on Sunday, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, or the consent of his or their agents, shall be liable for the loss or damages which may be sustained to such goods, wares or merchandize, by reason of landing the same on said day, to be recovered by any court having competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 5. That no person who conscientiously believes that Saturday or any other day of the week ought to be observed as the Sabbath, and who actually refrains from secular business and labor on that day, shall be liable to the penalties of this act for performing secular labor or business on the Lord's day or first day of the week, unless he wilfully disturbs some other person.

SEC. 6. The fines and penalties imposed under the first, second and third sections of this act, shall when collected be paid into the treasury of the proper county for the use of poor of said county, and may be collected in the same manner as other fines are by law collected.

SEC. 7. So much of any law now in force which is not consistent with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed.

APPROVED the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Process served on Sunday void, except for treason, felony and breach of the peace--person executing process on Sunday liable in damages.

Sunday--no work, unlawful game, hunting, shooting or sporting to be done--for violation of, to be fined in \$3.

Any person guilty of disorderly, riotous or profane conduct shall be fined in \$5.

Persons landing goods at any wharf or landing without owners consent, liable for loss or damage of said goods.

Persons conscientiously believing Saturday or other day of the week to be Sunday not liable to penalties of this act.

Fines imposed and collected--paid into treasury for use of poor.

CHAP. X.—An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to provide the means to pay the Public Debt of the Territory," and for other purposes.

Nov. 1, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, It shall be lawful for the assessors of each of the organized counties of this Territory to assess all lands, town lots, and out lots, together with the improvements made thereon which are not exempt from taxation by the laws of the United States or of this Territory; and also all personal property, merchandize, stock in trade, and stock actually paid in any incorporated company; all improve-

Assessors--duty of, to assess lands, town lots, improvements and personal property of every kind--exemption, etc.