

SESSION LAWS.

The Second Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota was convened, in pursuance of law, on Wednesday, the first day of January, 1851, and adjourned on Monday, the thirty-first day of March, 1851.

ALEXANDER RAMSEY, Governor; D. B. LOOMIS, President of the Council; M. E. AMES, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I.—*An Act providing for the appointment of a Librarian, and for other purposes.*

Feb. 25, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Librarian, who shall continue in office one year, and until his successor is appointed and qualified; who shall have the custody, charge, safe keeping, management and direction of all books, papers, maps, charts, engravings, paintings, and all other things, of what nature soever, properly belonging to the Library of the Territory.

Governor to appoint with consent of Council.

SEC. 2. Before entering upon the duties of his office, said Librarian shall execute a bond to the Secretary of the Territory, with three or more sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of six thousand dollars, which bond shall be approved in writing by the Governor of the Territory, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office; and he shall also take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before one of the Justices of the Supreme Court or Clerk of the District Court, to support the Constitution of the United States, and the provisions of the law organizing the Territory of Minnesota, and faithfully and impartially to perform the duties of his office according to law, to the best of his abilities; which oath shall be endorsed and certified on the back of said bond, and shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.

Bond and oath, to be filed with the Secretary.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to provide a suitable and convenient room at the seat of Government, for the safe keeping of the Territorial Library, and all things belonging or appertaining thereto, and provide proper shelves for the arrangement thereof, in such manner as to be easy and convenient of access, and it shall further be the duty of the Librarian to procure the insurance of the Library and all other property in his charge against damage or loss by fire.

Safe keeping and insurance of Library.

Those privileged
to use the Library,
and conditions.

SEC. 4. The members of the Council and House of Representatives, and their officers, the Governor of the Territory, the Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the bar during the sitting of the Supreme and District Courts, the Secretary of the Territory, the United States Attorney of the Territory, the Attorney General and Marshal of the Territory, the Delegate in Congress, and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, Ministers of the Gospel, ex-members and officers of the Legislature and ex-Librarian, may have free access to the Library during the regular hours of the day, and may take any work therefrom, and keep the same in their possession, not exceeding six days, except as herein otherwise provided for; and any person or persons who shall retain any work or book in his or their possession for a longer period than is provided for in this act, shall pay twenty-five cents for each volume, for every day so retained, and all persons refusing to pay their fines, will be debarred the privilege of the Library until said fines are paid; *Provided*, That works of a miscellaneous character, may be kept for a period of thirty days.

Law and miscel-
laneous books, how
taken out.

SEC. 5. No person shall take more than one volume of the Laws from the Library at any one time, and shall not retain the same for a longer period than two days except during the terms of courts, or the session of the Legislature; nor take more than five volumes of a miscellaneous character; and no book shall be removed from the Library, without being receipted for to the Librarian, or upon the written order of some person entitled to the privileges of the Library.

Penalties for dam-
age.

SEC. 6. If any person injure, or fail to return any book, map, or other work, for more than two months, he shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian for the benefit of the Library, three times the value thereof or of the set to which it belongs.

Citizens or stran-
gers, how introduc-
ed.

SEC. 7. The persons privileged to remove books, &c., from the Library, may introduce citizens or strangers into the Library, who shall have the privilege, during all seasonable hours, of reading the books therein, not required for the use of any such privileged persons.

Library, when to
be kept open, Libra-
rian power to ap-
point an assistant
paid by Legislature

SEC. 8. The Library shall be kept open during the session of the Legislature and Supreme Court, from the hours of nine o'clock A. M., until twelve o'clock M., and from two until nine o'clock P. M. At all other times the Library shall be kept open for the space of four hours each day, Sundays excepted. The Librarian shall have authority to appoint a deputy or assistant Librarian, during the session of the Legislative Assembly and Supreme Court, and the Librarian and his sureties, shall be responsible for the acts of said assistant, and for the services of said assistant the Legislative Assembly shall appropriate such compensation as they shall deem reasonable.

Annual Report—
how made.

SEC. 9. The Librarian shall collect all books, charts, &c., into the Library previous to the session of the Legislature, and he shall report to the Legislative Assembly at the commencement of the session, a catalogue of the books and other property belonging to the Library at the last report, and purchased or received into the Library since; books, charts, &c., loaned and not returned, showing all moneys received for those lost, and from whom, the sums due, and from whom, all articles purchased since last report, from whom and the cost, articles expended for the use of the Library, and an estimate of articles necessary during the coming year.

SEC. 10. The Librarian is hereby authorized and required to sue for in the name of the Territory, for the use of the Library, all penalties under the provisions of this act, and for all injuries done to the Library or any property belonging or appertaining thereto: he shall purchase at the lowest price, all stationery, fuel, light, or other articles necessary for the use of the Library, to be paid for out of the appropriations made for the expenses of the Legislative Assembly. All fines or penalties collected by the Librarian, shall be subject to the order of the Governor, and to be by him appropriated to the purchase of such books, charts, &c., as he may deem most proper.

Librarian authorized to sue for penalties under this act

SEC. 11. The Congressional copy of the "United States Exploring Expedition, Heath's New Gallery of British Engravings," and all works of that character, shall not be taken out of the Library.

Books not to be taken out.

SEC. 12. The Governor may at any time remove the Librarian from office for good cause, and whenever the office shall become vacant, by death, resignation, removal, or otherwise, it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint some suitable person, who shall qualify as provided in the second section of this act, and who shall remain in office until the adjournment of the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

Librarian—how removed.

SEC. 13. The Governor may, at any time, make such regulations relative to the removal of books from the Library, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as he may deem proper and expedient.

SEC. 14. The Librarian shall receive for his services, at the rate of four hundred dollars per annum, to be paid quarter yearly by the Secretary of the Territory, out of the money appropriated by Congress to defray the expenses of the Legislative Assembly.

Compensation.

M. E. AMES,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

D. B. LOOMIS,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred 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 on file in this office.

C. K. SMITH,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

CHAP. II.—An Act to provide for the erection of Public Buildings in the Territory of Minnesota.

Feb. 7, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, The Capitol or Public Buildings for the sessions of the Legislative Assembly, and the Supreme Court of the Territory, the Library, and for the use of such officers of the Territory as may be

The Capitol located at St. Paul, & Territorial Prison at Millwater.