# SESSION LAWS.

The Fifth Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota was convened in pursuance of Law, on Wednesday, the fourth day of January, 1854, and adjourned on Saturday, the fourth day of March, 1854.

WILLIS A. GORMAN, Governor; S. B. OLMSTEAD, President of the Council ; N. C. D. TAYLOR, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## CHAPTER 1.

*An Act for the protection of the Owners of Saw Logs in this Territory.*

March 3, 1854.

SECTION.
1. Taking Saw Logs. Penalty for.
2. Justices have concurrent jurisdiction.
3. Arrests by Officers, when allowed.

4. Purchasing stolen Logs, penalty for. Proviso.
5. Scaling stolen logs—penalty.

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully, and without authority, take any saw logs that may be on any river, on the land adjoining or near a river, which may have floated down said river, or onto said land, and shall remove or attempt to remove the said logs, or who shall cut or split said logs, or otherwise destroy or injure them, shall be held guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any of the said offences, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail of the proper county, not more than one year, or less than three months, and shall pay a fine of not more than one hundred dollars, or less than ten dollars. *Taking Logs. Penalty for.*

SEC. 2. Any Justice of the Peace shall have concurrent jurisdiction in his own county, with the district court, of any offences in the preceding section specified, when the value of the logs taken or removed, shall be alleged not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, and in such case the punishment shall be by fine, not less than twenty, nor more than eighty dollars ; and if any person, on conviction of such offence, shall refuse or neglect, for the space of three days, to pay such fine, it shall be lawful for the justice before whom the conviction was had, to commit such person to the jail of the proper county, for a period not less than one, nor more than three months. *Justices have concurrent jurisdiction.*

Arrest by officers—where allowed.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for any officer, in whose hand a writ shall have been placed, for the apprehension of any person or persons charged with taking or removing any saw logs, to arrest such person or persons on any part of a river or lake, or any island in a river or lake, contiguous to his proper county, and to secure the logs so taken or removed, so that the owner thereof may be put in possession of the same.

Purchasing stolen logs—penalty for.

SEC. 4. Any person who shall purchase, receive, or secrete saw logs so taken or removed, or who shall cut, or otherwise injure logs so taken or removed, shall be punished in the same manner, and to the same extent as is provided is this act for taking, removing or destroying saw logs, as herein provided: *Provided*, That no person shall be so punished for receiving or buying logs as aforesaid,

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if he received or bought them under and by virtue of any scale list, signed by a legal surveyor of logs or lumber in this Territory, and shall be in possession of said scale list.

Scaling stolen logs—penalty.

SEC. 5. If any Surveyor General or deputy, shall scale or give a scale list of any logs to any person or persons, in this Territory, which logs were taken or removed as aforesaid, the said Surveyor General or deputy so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of twenty-five dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt by any person sueing for the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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N. C. D. TAYLOR,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
S. B. OLMSTEAD,
*President of the Council.*

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APPROVED—March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

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W. A. GORMAN.
SECRETARY'S OFFICE,        }
St. Paul, April 4th, 1854.   }

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

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*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

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