

civil suit for the recovery of damages by said Company, by an action of trespass in any court having competent jurisdiction in the county wherein the offence shall have been committed, and shall also be subject to indictment, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine and imprisonment, or either, at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 8. The town of La Crescent may at any time after the road has been completed and put in operation, purchase the same for a price not exceeding the whole cost and expense of the construction, and all of the expense incurred in and about the road at the time of such purchase, and it shall be lawful for a majority of the stock to transfer the same to the town of La Crescent. And whensoever the road shall be purchased or transferred as aforesaid, it shall become free to all travel and for all highway purposes. May purchase.

J. W. FURBER,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,  
President of the Council.

APPROVED—March 7, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }  
SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

I certify the above to be a true copy of the original on file in this office.

J. J. McCULLOUGH,  
Acting Secretary.

## CHAPTER X.

### *An Act authorizing Married Women to convey Real Estate by Power of Attorney.*

- SECTION 1. May convey by lawful agent  
2. Acknowledgment of Wife—how taken.  
3. To take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota :*

1 A Husband and Wife may convey, by their lawful agent Convey by Agent. or attorney, any estate or interest in any lands situate within this Territory, and all deeds of conveyance of any such lands, whether heretofore, or hereafter made under a joint Power of Attorney from the Husband and Wife, shall be as binding, and have the same effect as if made and executed by the original parties.

2 When any Married Woman residing within this Territory Power of Attorney.

shall hereafter join with her husband in a letter or Power of Attorney to convey real estate, the acknowledgement of the wife shall be taken separately and apart from her husband, and she shall acknowledge that she executed the same freely, and without any fear or compulsion from any one, but nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to impair the validity of any joint power of attorney heretofore executed, or any conveyance of real estate made under such joint power; where the acknowledgement of the Wife, shall not have been taken separate and apart from her husband.

Take effect. } This Act to take effect from and after its passage.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-four, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }

SAINT PAUL, March 10, 1857. }

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## CHAPTER XI.

### *A Bill to regulate the Compensation of County Surveyors in the Territory of Minnesota.*

- SECTION 1. Compensation.  
2. Repeal.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:*

Compensation. SEC. 1. That from and after the passage of this act, all county surveyors shall, while engaged in the surveying, laying out, altering or examining County or Territorial Roads, be entitled to receive for their services the sum of three dollars per day during all the time that they may be so engaged.