

CHAPTER XVIII.

*An Act to Incorporate certain Towns in this Territory,
and Provide for Town Governments within the same.*

SECTION 1	Corporate limits of the Town of Deerfield.		
2	do	do	Hartford.
3	do	do	Endion.
4	do	do	Cedar City.
5	do	do	Greenville.
6	do	do	Bancroft.
7	do	do	Augusta.
8	do	do	Red Stone.
9	do	do	Pine Bend.
10	do	do	Kensington.
11	do	do	River Side.
12	do	do	Manannah.
13	do	do	Excelsior.
14	do	do	Columbia.
15	do	do	Forest City.
16	do	do	Fortuna.
17	do	do	Albright.
18	do	do	Coonsville.
19	do	do	Duluth.
20	do	do	Island City.
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50	do	do	Norwood.
51	do	do	Blue Earth.
52	do	do	Richmond.

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

SECTION 1. That the north west quarter and north half of

Deerfield incor-
porated the south west quarter of section thirty-five, and the north east quarter of section thirty-four, in township one hundred and twelve north, in range twenty-seven west, in the county of Sibley, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of "Deerfield," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "the Town Council of the Town of Deerfield."

Hartford in-
corporated ⁷ Sec. 2. That the north east quarter, the north half of the south east quarter, and the north half of the south west quarter of section twenty, in township one hundred and twelve north, of range twenty-seven west, in the county of Sibley, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of "Hartford," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "the Town Council of the Town of Hartford." That the survey, platting and recording of the Town of Hartford, as the Town of Fremont, shall be deemed to be surveyed, platted and recorded as the town of Hartford.

Endion incor-
porated ⁸ Sec. 3. That the fractional south east quarter and north east quarter of section thirty-three, and the south half of the south east quarter of section fourteen, and fractional half of the south west quarter of section twenty-four, in township forty-eight, and range twelve, in the county of Saint Louis, be, and the same is created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of "Endion," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "The Town Council of Endion."

Cedar City in-
corporated Sec. 4. That so much land as is embraced in fractional section six, in-town one hundred and sixteen, in range thirty, in McLeod County, and in the peninsula of Cedar Lake, adjoining said section six, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of "Cedar City," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "The Town Council of Cedar City."

Greenville in-
corporated Sec. 5. That the south east quarter of section ten, (10) and the south west quarter of section eleven, (11) of township one hundred and eight, (108) north of range eleven (11) west, in the county of Wabashaw, be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name of Greenville, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "The Town Council of Greenville."

Bancroft incor-
porated Sec. 6. That the following described and designated tracts of land, lying and being in the County of Freeborn, viz: the north west quarter of section twenty-eight, the east half of the north east quarter of section twenty-nine, the south east quarter of the south east quarter of section twenty, and the south west quarter of the south west quarter of section twenty-one, all in township one hundred and three north, of range twenty-one west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name of "Bancroft," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "The Town Council of the Town of Bancroft;" M. S. Wilkin-

son is hereby appointed President of said town, Willard W. Olliver, Recorder, and A. I. Blackman, Charles Enness and Robert Smith, are hereby appointed Trustees; who shall hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified under this act; the officers above named shall take the oath of office hereinbefore prescribed, before they enter upon the duties of their several offices, and the said officers shall constitute the corporate authorities of said town.

SEC. 7. That so much land as is contained within the north west fractional quarter of section seven, (7) and the north east fractional quarter of section seven (7) and the north half of the south east fractional quarter of section seven, (7) and the north half of the south west quarter of section seven, (7) and the south west fractional quarter of section number six, (6) in township one hundred and twenty-three, (123) range twenty-seven (27) west, be, and the same is hereby created into a town corporate and politic under the name and style of Saint Augusta, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of the town of Saint Augusta." That Gowne Wilson shall be the first President of said town corporate, and Charles W. Wilson, William A. Corbett and R. H. Richmond, shall be the first Trustees of said town, and they shall serve from and after the passage of this act, until their successors are elected and qualified; the said President and Trustees shall appoint a Recorder, and all other necessary officers for said town, and in the event of any vacancy, if of the President, the Common Council may fill the same, and if in the Council, by the President of the said town corporate.

Saint Augusta
incorporated

SEC. 8. That so much land as is contained in the south half of section thirty-five (35) in township one hundred and ten (110) north, of range thirty (30) west, and embracing all the present town site of Red Stone, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name of Red Stone, and the town organization shall be "The Town Council of the Town of Red Stone."

Red Stone in-
corporated

SEC. 9. That so much land as is contained within the south east quarter, and the south half of the north east quarter of section number thirty-four, and lots number nine and ten, in section number thirty-five, in township number twenty-seven, north of range number twenty-two west of the fourth principal meridian, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of "Pine Bend."

Pine Bend in-
corporated

SEC. 10. That so much land as is contained in the north half of section twenty-five, in township thirty-five, north of range twenty-two west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name of "Kensington," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "the Town Council of the Town of Kensington."

Kensington in-
corporated

SEC. 11. That so much land as is contained in the east half of the south-east fourth and the south-east fourth of the north-east fourth of section No. eight, (8,) the west half of

River Side in-
corporated

the south-west fourth of section No. nine, (9,) and the north-east fourth of the north-east fourth of section No. seventeen, (17,) in township No. thirty-five, (35,) north of range twenty-five, (25,) west of the fourth (4) meridian, embracing the present town site of River Side, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name of "River Side," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of the Town of River Side."

Manannah incorporated SEC. 12. That so much land as is contained in the town site of Manannah, Meeker county, viz: Township 121, ranges 31 and 32, and sections 25 and 30, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name of Manannah.

Excelsior incorporated SEC. 13. That the following described pieces and parcels of land shall be embraced within and constitute the corporate jurisdiction and limits of said town, to wit: Lot No. one in section No. twenty-seven, lots Nos. three and four, and the west half of the north-east quarter of section No. thirty-four, and lots Nos. two and three, in section No. thirty-five, in township No. one hundred and seventeen, north of range No. twenty-three west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name of Excelsior, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of the Town of Excelsior."

Columbia, incorporated SEC. 14. That so much land as is contained within the north-west quarter of section three, (3,) in township one hundred and twenty, (120,) and the south-west quarter of section thirty-four, (34,) in township one hundred and twenty-one, (121,) north of range thirty-four, (34,) west, be and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name and style of "Columbia," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "The Town Council of the Town of Columbia." That C. F. Truxer is hereby appointed the first President and J. M. Ayres, W. W. Clark and E. F. Woodcock, the first Trustees of said town, who shall appoint the Recorder and other officers for the good government of said town, who shall hold their several offices until their successors are elected and qualified and said Town Council may fill or vacate such offices at pleasure.

Forest City incorporated SEC. 15. That so much land as is contained within the following limits, be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate, by the name of the town of Forest City, viz: The south-east quarter of section seventeen and the north-east quarter of section twenty, in township one hundred and twenty north, range thirty west, and the corporate name of the said town organization shall be "The Town Council of Forest City."

Fortuna incorporated SEC. 16. That the following designated and described land, lying and being in the County of Buchanan, viz: Commencing at a point thirteen hundred and twenty (1320) feet due north of Kettle River bridge, thence running west twenty-six hundred and forty (2640) feet, thence south twenty-six hundred and forty (2640) feet, thence east fifty-two hundred

and eighty (5280) feet, thence north twenty-six hundred and forty (2640) feet thence west to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and twenty acres, be, and the same is hereby created into a town corporate by the name of the town of Fortuna, and the corporate name of said town organization shall be "the Town Council of the Town of Fortuna."

SEC. 17. That lots Nos. one, (1) two, (2) and three, (3,) in section eight, (8,) township one hundred and thirteen, (113,) range twenty-five, (25,) in the County of Scott, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name and style of Albright, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of the Town of Albright."

Albright incor-
porated

SEC. 18. That so much land as is contained in the north-east quarter of the south-east quarter, and the north-west quarter of the south-east, and the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter, and lots two and three, in section three, in township thirty-two, range twenty-three, also the south half of the south-east quarter and the south-east quarter of the south-west quarter of section thirty-four, township thirty-three, range thirty-three, shall constitute the town of "Coonsville," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "the Town Council of the Town of Coonsville."

Coonsville in-
corporated

SEC. 19. That fractional portion of Minnesota point, lying at the northern extremity of the same, in township forty-eight and township fifty, north of range fourteen west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name and style of Duluth, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be "the Town Council of the town of Duluth."

Duluth incor-
porated

SEC. 20. That the south half of section seventeen and the north half of section twenty, in township one hundred and seventeen of range number twenty-three, west of the fifth principal meridian, be, and the same hereby is created a town corporate and politic by the name and style of "Island City," and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of the town of Island City."

Island City in-
corporated

SEC. 21. That the fractional south-west quarter of section seven, in township one hundred and twelve, north of range twenty-nine west, in the county of Sibley, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of Eagle City, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of Eagle City."

Eagle City in-
corporated

SEC. 22. That the south half of section number ten, and the north half of section number eleven, in township one hundred and sixteen, north of range twenty-six, west of the fifth principal meridian, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of Saint Clair, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of St. Clair."

St. Clair incor-
porated

Lower Monticello incorporated **Sec. 23.** That so much land in the County of Wright, Territory of Minnesota, as is contained in the town site of Lower Monticello, according to the plot thereof, recorded in said county, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Lower Monticello, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the "Town Council of Lower Monticello."

Eagle Creek incorporated **Sec. 24.** That so much land as is contained in the north-west quarter of section number eighteen, (18,) in township number one hundred and fifteen, (115,) north of range number twenty-one (21) west, and the north-east quarter of section number thirteen (13,) in township number one hundred and fifteen, north of range number twenty-two (22) west, in the County of Scott, be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate by the name of the town of Eagle Creek, and said town of Eagle Creek shall have all powers and privileges, and be subject to all the liabilities and responsibilities incident to incorporated towns in this Territory.

Pine Island incorporated **Sec. 25.** The south-west quarter and the south half of the north-west quarter of section number 32, in township number 109, north of range number 15, west of the fifth principal meridian, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Pine Island; that for the good order and government of said town, Erastus Dennison, as President, Norval Bishop as Recorder, and Martin Chandler, John Chance, and S. C. Vanhorn as Trustees, are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices, upon the 25th day of March, A. D. 1857, after having been sworn and qualified as is provided by law, and who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified as provided in this act.

Mantorville incorporated **Sec. 26.** That the south half of section sixteen, in township number one hundred and seven, north of range number sixteen west, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of the town of Mantorville. That for the good order and government of said town, A. D. Ladur, as President, H. W. Pratt, Recorder, and Peter Mantor, J. B. Hubbell and J. R. Dart, as trustees, are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall, before entering upon the duties of their several offices, take an oath of office to faithfully discharge the duties of their several offices, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified.

Fremont City incorporated **Sec. 27.** That so much land as is contained within the town of Fremont City, according to a survey and plat of said town, made by John O. Haven, for the proprietors of said town of Fremont City, and situated in the county of Wright, and Territory of Minnesota, as appears by a recorded plat of the same, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Wright county, be, and the same is hereby incorporated a

body corporate and politic, by the name and style of Fremont City, and the corporate name of the town organization shall be the Town Council of Fremont City. William McDonald be, and he is hereby appointed President, H. W. McCrary, John McDonald, W. D. Babbitt and Herman Woodworth, be, and are hereby appointed Trustees, which Board of Trustees shall elect a Secretary; and said President, Trustees and Secretary shall constitute the Council of said town, and shall hold their office until the first Wednesday of January next, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 28. That so much land as is contained in township one hundred and sixteen (116,) of range number twenty-four, (24,) and township one hundred and sixteen, (116,) range number twenty-five, (25,) as is surveyed and platted as the town site of Scandia, in the county of Carver, be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate by the name of the town of "Scandia," and shall have and exercise all the powers and privileges conferred upon incorporated towns by this act, and be it further enacted, Artemas Stephens shall be and is hereby appointed President of said town of Scandia, John H. Stephens, Recorder, J. O. Brunnis, Simon Stephens, J. E. Tabbett, Trustees, to hold their several offices, and receive the endowments and perform the duties thereof until their successors are elected and qualified in that provided in this act.

Scandia incor-
porated

SEC. 29. That so much land in the county of Ramsey, Territory of Minnesota, as is contained in the town site of Linwood, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Linwood.

Linwood incor-
porated

SEC. 30. That so much land as is embraced within the survey of the town site of Northwood, on the Mississippi River, in the county of Wright, is hereby created a town corporate, with all the powers and privileges usually enjoyed by municipal corporations, not contrary to the laws of the United States or of this Territory.

Northwood in-
corporated

SEC. 31. That so much land as is incorporated as the town of East Red Wing, Goodhue county, be, and the same is hereby attached to the city of Red Wing, and the charter of said city of Red Wing, is hereby extended over and shall be binding upon the inhabitants of said East Red Wing, and hereafter the corporate limits of the said city of Red Wing, shall, in addition to those prescribed in the charter of said city, inclose the said town of East Red Wing, as defined in the act to incorporate the said town of East Red Wing. The city authorities of the city of Red Wing shall exercise jurisdiction over said city of Red Wing, as above designated, in the same manner and to the same extent as if said East Red Wing had not been incorporated and included within the limits of said city of Red Wing as prescribed by the charter of said city. The inhabitants of East Red Wing

East Red Wing
attached to
Red Wing

are hereby endowed with the same privileges of every description as are enjoyed by the inhabitants of Red Wing under and by virtue of the act of incorporation passed at the eighth session of the Legislature of the Territory of Minnesota.

Entering land within corporate limits SEC. 32. It shall be the duty of the Common Council of said towns to enter so much land within the corporate limits of said towns as can be entered under the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the relief of citizens of towns upon lands of the United States under certain circumstances, approved May 23, 1854."

To be laid out in squares and streets SEC. 33. It shall be the duty of the Town Council of each of said towns not heretofore surveyed and platted, as soon as practicable, to cause three hundred and twenty acres of land within the corporate limits of their respective towns to be surveyed and laid out into squares and lots and streets and alleys, in such manner as said Town Council may deem proper, and to authorize such improvements to be made on such streets or alleys or any of them as said Town Council may deem necessary.

Persons entitled to lots to receive deeds SEC. 34. It shall be the duty of the Town Council of each of said towns, purchased as before mentioned, as soon as the title to said lands shall be obtained, under the provisions of said Act of Congress, aforesaid, to ascertain the number of persons entitled to lots or squares within the said town, who may have a valid right, either by original claim or by transfer from any person or persons, having made an original claim to said lands, and to deed under the hands of the President, and attested by the Recorder and sealed with the seal of said corporation, to every such person entitled as aforesaid, the lots or squares of land to which every such person may be entitled as aforesaid; *Provided*, That no street or alley shall be so deeded; *And Provided Also*, That any person or persons to whom lots or squares shall be deeded as aforesaid shall previously have paid to the Treasurer or Recorder of said town at the rate of two dollars per acre on all lots or squares so deeded.

Authorized to assess tax and collect the same SEC. 35. The Town Council of each of said towns are authorized to assess a tax not exceeding one dollar on each lot in such town immediately after said survey as aforesaid, to defray the expense of such survey, and of any improvement on any of the streets or alleys or levees in such town which the said Council ordain to be made, and said tax shall be collected by the Treasurer or Recorder, as the said Council shall direct, and all lots on which said tax shall not be paid within three months from the date of said assessment shall be deemed to be the property of the town in which it lies, and shall not be deeded by the Town Council of such town until said tax with interest at the rate of twenty per cent. per annum from date of assessment, shall have been paid; *Provided*, That after the expiration of three years the said Council may order such lot or lots to be sold to the highest

bidder, and in no case shall such lot or lots thereafter be subject to redemption.

SEC. 36. It shall be the duty of the Town Council of each of said towns to cause a plat of said survey as aforesaid to be recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in the County wherein said town shall be located, in conformity with the provisions of the statute authorizing the record of town plots in this Territory; *Provided*, that if the County is not organized, or for other cause there is no Register of Deeds in the County, it shall be legal to file said plat with the Recorder of said town, and when so filed the record shall have the same validity it would have had if filed in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County; but the said Town Recorder shall file said plat in the office of the Register of Deeds of his County for record, so soon as there shall have been a Register of Deeds office established in such County.

Plat of survey
to be record-
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SEC. 37. The said Town Council may at any time cause the survey and record in like manner of all the land within the corporate limits; *Provided*, That no survey shall be made within said corporate limits without the consent of the claimant thereto, if such lands have been regularly claimed previous to the passage of this Act.

Additional sur-
vey

SEC. 38. All lands within said corporate limits which have not heretofore been claimed as aforesaid shall be deemed to belong to said town and may be sold by the corporate authorities thereof, the proceeds to be expended in the improvement of streets and levees within said town.

Lands in cor-
porate limits
not claimed,
to belong to
corporations

SEC. 39. The Town Council of the town of Henderson, in Sibley county, shall have power to improve and regulate the levees, streets and alleys, and to determine the width of the sidewalks in said town, to regulate the public grounds, to erect a market-house and regulate the markets, to remove all nuisances and obstructions from the streets and commons of said town, and do all things which similar corporations have power to do, in order to provide for and secure health, cleanliness and good order in said town.

Town Council
of Hender-
son author-
ized to im-
prove streets
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SEC. 40. For the purpose of more effectually enabling the said Town Council to carry into effect the provisions of this Act, they are hereby authorized and empowered to assess a tax for corporation purposes, upon the property within the limits of said corporation, made taxable by the laws of this Territory; so that said tax shall not exceed in any one year five mills on the valuation, as the same may be found on the books of the County Commissioners of the County within which said town may be located at the time of assessing said tax. Said Town Council shall also have power, if authorized to do so by a majority of the electors in said town, at any meeting called for that purpose, to levy an additional tax as above prescribed sufficient to organize and establish a Fire Company and purchase an engine, hose and

Authorized to
levy tax

other necessary apparatus for the extinguishment of fires in such town ; public notice of which meeting and the objects thereof shall be given by posting up a written or printed notice thereof in at least three of the most public places of said town ten days before the time of such meeting.

Duplicate to be made out and manner of collecting tax

Sec. 41. When any tax is levied by said Town Council, it shall be the duty of the Recorder of said town to make out a duplicate of the taxes, charging each individual owning property within the limits of the said town with the amount assessed on each item of property as found on the books of the County Commissioners of each County, which duplicate shall be certified by the President and Recorder, and one copy thereof shall be placed in the hands of the Marshal, or such other person as shall be appointed Collector, whose duty it shall be to collect said tax, in the same manner and under the same regulations as other County taxes are collected, and the said Marshal, or such other person as shall be appointed Collector, shall immediately after collecting such tax, pay the same over to the treasurer of said towns and take his receipt therefor; and the said Marshal or other Collector shall have the same power to sell both real and personal property for the non-payment of the corporation taxes, as is given to the County Collector, and when necessary the Recorder shall have power to make deeds in the same manner as Sheriffs do for property sold for county taxes; and the Marshal or other Collector shall receive for his fees such sum as the Town Council may direct, not exceeding six per centum on all moneys so by him collected, to be paid by the Treasurer on the order of the Recorder.

Recorder to record all deeds, &c

Sec. 42. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of the said town of Henderson to receive and record all deeds for the transfer of town lots within the limits of said town and all mortgages upon said town lots or other property within the limits of said town, in the same manner, and under all the penalties for neglect or refusal imposed upon the registers of deeds in the several counties, and the filing and record made in the office of the recorder of said town, shall be as valid to all intents and purposes as if done in the office of the register of deeds of Sibley county.

Register of county to deliver over record of town lots

Sec. 43. It shall be the duty of the Register of deeds of Sibley county to deliver over to the Recorder of the town of Henderson, the record book of town lots in Henderson, and a copy of all records not therein contained, of whatsoever kind, touching property within the corporate limits of said town, which have been recorded in the county record book; and it shall be the duty of said recorder to record all such papers not already in said record of town lots in a book provided for that purpose.

Recorder to receive same fees as Register of county

Sec. 44. The Recorder of the town of Henderson shall receive for his services as herein provided, the same compensation allowed by law to the Register of deeds for similar services, and no record involving title or interest in pro-

perty within the corporate limits of said town of Henderson, shall hereafter be made by the Register of Deeds of Sibley county.

Sec. 45. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Sec. 46. That so much land as is contained within the town plat of Fon du Lac, below the Falls of Saint Louis, in the county of Saint Louis, as surveyed and platted by Richard Relf, be, and same is hereby created a town corporate by the name and style of Fon du Lac, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations, and R. B. Carlton, Alexander Paul, D. George Morrison, J. B. Culver and Francis Roussain, be, and the same are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Fon du Lac incorporated

Sec. 47. That the east half of the fractional north-east quarter of section twenty-seven, (27,) and the south-east quarter of the north-east quarter, and the east half of the south-east quarter of section twenty-two, (22,) and the fractional section twenty-six, (26,) and west half of the south-west fractional quarter of section twenty-three, (23,) of township number fifty, (50,) north range 14, west of the 4th principal meridian, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic by the name and style of "Portland," and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations, and J. D. Ray, C. Markell, Daniel Shaw, N. B. Robbins, J. J. Post, Joseph Gregory and Albert McAdams, be, and are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Portland incorporated

Sec. 48. That the east half of the south-west quarter of section seven (7,) and the east half of the north-west quarter of fractional section eighteen (18,) town fifty (50,) range thirteen, be, and the same is hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name and style of Bellville, and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations.

Bellville incorporated

Sec. 49. That so much land as is contained in the town plat of Medary, on the right bank of the Mississippi River, at its junction with the Big Willow River, in the county of Itasca, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Medary, and shall have and enjoy all the privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations. Charles D. Kimball, Charles H. Kingsbury, Hiram Hays, Wm. George Colville, E. C. Becker, St. S. Bright, J. J. Moore, H. T. Holcombe and Asa A. Parker, are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Medary incorporated

Norwood in-
corporated

SEC. 50. That so much land as is contained in the town plat of "Norwood," in the county of Itasca, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate and politic, by the name and style of "Norwood," and shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges and responsibilities usually enjoyed by municipal corporations; and O. H. Rice, Wm. George Colville, Wm. Diggins, Henry Storrell, Daniel Case and E. C. Becker, are hereby constituted the Town Council of said town, who shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Blue Earth City
incorporated

SEC. 51. That so much land as is contained in the plat of Blue Earth City, in the county of Faribault; as the same is platted and recorded, be, and the same is hereby created a town corporate by the name of Blue Earth City.

Richmond, in-
corporated

SEC. 52. That so much land lying on Sauk River, and surveyed and recorded as the town of Richmond, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres, is hereby incorporated as the town of Richmond. The officers of said town shall be appointed by the Governor, who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified.

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

JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—May nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

S. MEDARY.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota, }
SAINT PAUL, July 22, 1857. }

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

CHAS. L. CHASE,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER XIX.

An Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Nininger and Saint Peter Western Railroad Company."

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