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allowed to interfere with any passenger, baggage or freight,

without wearing such badge.

Szc. 17. Every locomotive engine on said Railroad shall Bell or Whistle be furnished with a good and sufficient alarm bell or whistle, which shall be fully sounded at least eighty rods distant from every highway crossing, while the engine shall be approaching the same and passing over said road, and for every violation of this section the said Company shall forfeit and pay to whomsoever shall prosecute for the same, the sum of fifty dollars.

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SEC. 18. This Act is hereby declared to be a public Act, and may be amended by any subsequent Legislative Assembly in any manner not destroying or impairing the vest-

ed rights of said Corporation,

SEC. 19. The said Company shall give notice, in writing, to the Governor of said Territory on or before the first day of January, 1858, of their intention to proceed under the provisions of this Act, and in case of their failure to give such notice, this Act, and all the powers herein granted, shall become null and void.

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

JOHN B. BRISBIN.

President of the Council.

Approved—May twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE, Minnesota,)
SAINT PAUL, May 23, 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 XCIV.

An Act to incorporate the Stillnoater, St. Paul and Breckenridge Telegraph Company.

Section 1 Incorporators—Power of Incorporation.
2 Obstruction—Penalty.

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

SECTION 1. That F. R. Delano, Mahlon Black, Francis O. J. Smith of Stillwater, Edmund Rice, S. J. R. McMillan, and Incorporators Wm. P. Murray of St. Paul, Franklin Steele of Mendota, and Joseph R. Brown of Henderson, and their successors and assigns shall have the exclusive right of building and putting in operation a line of Telegraph from Stillwater via St. Paul, St. Anthony, and Minneapolis to Breckenridge on the Sioux Wood River, with a branch from St. Anthony via Anoka to St. Vincent, near the mouth of Pembina River, and no other line of Telegraph shall be established on the aforesaid Routes or within fifteen miles of the same for the space of thirty years; Provided, That the above named persons shall commence to construct said line within two (2) years and complete at least twenty (20) miles of said line within five years, and complete a line on the entire route within ten (10) years from passage of this Act.

Sec. 2. Any person or persons who shall wilfully injure or destroy any of the property of said line of Telegraph, or Obstruction who shall cut any wire, post or tree used by said line of Telegraph, or who shall fall any tree across said line shall be considerd guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined a sum not over one thousand dollars, and imprisoned in the Territorial Prison not less than six months,

nor over five years.

J. W. FURBER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

Approved-May twenty-third, 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 now on file in this office.

CHAS. L. CHASE, Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

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