

clerk of the district court of Hennepin county, and said commissioner shall receive as compensation for the services performed by him in discharge of the duties provided for in this act, the sum of five dollars per day, which shall be in full, as his compensation for each day actually engaged in the discharge of his duties.

Authorized to draw  
funds from State  
Treasurer.

SEC. 6. Said commissioner shall be empowered to draw upon the State Treasurer from time to time, as the work proceeds, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, but in no case shall any money be drawn for more than the amount of work done, or material used for the objects hereinbefore specified.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage.

Approved February 17, 1865.

## CHAPTER XXXVIII.

February 24, 1865.

*An Act to aid and facilitate the construction of a line of Magnetic Telegraph from Saint Paul to the northern boundary of the State.*

**PREAMBLE.**

**SECTION 1.** Northwestern Telegraph Company authorized to construct a telegraph line to connect with the line being constructed through the British Possessions—within what time to commence and when to be completed.

2. When set to take effect.

Preamble.

*Whereas, "The Northwestern Telegraph Company," a corporation duly created and existing by and under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and now owning and operating all the existing lines of telegraph in the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota, proposes to extend one of their main lines from Saint Paul along the route of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad via St.*

Cloud to the northern boundary of the State, at or near Pembina, there to connect with a telegraph line about being constructed through the British Possessions to the Pacific Ocean, being a part of the great International Telegraph line now in process of construction by the way of Behring's Straits, under the authority and patronage of the Russian, American and British Governments; and

*Whereas*, A great portion of the said route in this State is through an uninhabited country from which little or no business will be derived for many years, and the expense of constructing, maintaining and operating said line will be very great; and

*Whereas*, The construction, maintenance and operation of such a line of telegraph will be of great benefit to this State. Therefore—

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

SECTION 1. That the said Northwestern Telegraph Company is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain and operate a line of Magnetic Telegraph and charge fees for the transmission of messages thereon, from Saint Paul by the way of Saint Cloud to the northern boundary of the State, to connect with the said line about being constructed through the British Possessions; and there is hereby granted to the said Northwestern Telegraph Company, all necessary right of way, for the construction of the said line, and no other company or person shall have a right to construct, operate and maintain any line of telegraph from St. Cloud or within its vicinity, to the northern line of the State, so as to come into competition with said Northwestern Telegraph Company until after the expiration of the term of ten years from the passage of this act. *Provided*, That if the said line of telegraph shall not be commenced within one year and completed to the northern boundary of the State within three years from the passage of this act, then this act and all the rights and privileges herein conferred shall be null and void and cease to exist. *Provided*, That the Legislature may amend this act at any time before the expiration of the period of ten years.

Telegraph line authorized to be constructed to connect with line running through the British Possessions—when to commence and when to be completed.

SEC. 2. This act is hereby declared a public act and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 24, 1865.

### CHAPTER XXXIX.

March 2, 1865.

*An Act to continue the Geological Survey of the mineral lands of the North Shore of Lake Superior and other mineral districts within the limits of this State and to appropriate money therefor.*

- SECTION 1. Governor authorized to appoint a suitable person to continue the survey of the North Shore of Lake Superior.
2. To take oath for faithful performance of duty—to make report to Governor—what to contain.
  3. How expenses to be paid.
  4. When act to take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

Governor to appoint suitable person to continue the survey.

SECTION 1. That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint some suitable person to continue the Geological Survey of the mineral lands of the north shore of Lake Superior, lying in the State of Minnesota, and also other mineral bearing districts within the limits of this State.

To take oath—to make report to Governor—what to contain.

SEC. 2. Such person so appointed shall before entering upon his duties under the provisions of this act, take and subscribe an oath to diligently and faithfully discharge such duties to the best of his ability. And he shall proceed at as early a day as practicable to continue such survey under the direction of the Governor. He shall make analysis of metal-bearing rocks that may be obtained during such survey, to the end that the commercial value thereof may be ascertained, and he