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CHAPTER LXXV.

February 27, 1868

*An Act to prevent trespassing upon personal property.*

SECTION 1. Liabilities of persons appropriating property unlawfully.

2. When judgment may be given for single damages.
3. When act to take effect.

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

Liabilities for illegally appropriating property.

SECTION 1. Whoever shall carry off, use or destroy any wood, timber, lumber, hay, grass or other personal property of another person without lawful authority, shall be liable to the owner thereof for treble the amount of damages which may be assessed therefor in a civil action in any court having jurisdiction, except as provided in the next section.

Amount of damages in certain cases.

SEC. 2. If upon the trial of such action it appears that the defendant had probable cause to believe that the property so taken or carried off was his own or that of another person under whose direction the act was done, judgment shall be given for single damages only, and costs of the action.

When act to take effect.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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