

CHAPTER CXXV.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OR NEAR FORT SNELLING, AND TO LAY OUT SUITABLE ROADS AND APPROACHES THERETO.

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

SECTION 1. That Tracy M. Metcalf, William Dawson and William Lindeke, of Ramsey county, be and they are hereby appointed and constituted commissioners, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable site and place of crossing the Mississippi River at or near Fort Snelling for a suitable suspension or other bridge, and to adopt plans and specifications for the construction of such bridge at the point so to be selected with estimates of the probable cost thereof.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners or a majority of them are hereby empowered to view, locate and establish from some convenient point upon the Fort street road, in Ramsey county, a public road and highway to such site for said bridge and over the same, and thence to and into the county of Hennepin to a suitable connection with the public highways leading from Fort Snelling to the city of Minneapolis and Bloomington. That such highway shall be at least one hundred feet in width. That said commissioners shall in addition to the location of said highway determine and appraise to the owner or owners of any real estate included within said highway and appropriated therefor, the value thereof and injury arising to them respectively from the condemnation thereof, which shall be awarded to such owners respectively, as damages, after making due allowance and deduction therefrom for any benefits which such owners may respectively derive from such highway and improvement, which said assessment of compensation and damages together with a plat of the survey and location of said road shall be made and certified by said commissioners, one copy of which shall be filed in the register of deeds' office in the county of Hennepin, and another copy thereof in the office of the register of deeds of Ramsey county, which copies so certified shall be conclusive evidence of the establishment of said highway and of the condemnation of the property necessary therefor. *Provided, however,* That any person aggrieved by the determination of the commissioners herein appointed, relative to damages to property, may appeal to the district court of the county wherein such property is situated in the same manner and with like effect as is provided by chapter 34 of the general laws, relating to condemnation of property for railroad purposes.

SEC. 3: That said commissioners shall have power to receive and collect donations, subscriptions and other aid that may be given, subscribed or pledged in aid of the construction of said bridge, and shall have power to expend the same and such other aid as may be given by

the said county of Ramsey or by the United States in the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 4. That said bridge shall, when constructed, be free of any toll or charge to the United States or any citizen thereof or other person, and when constructed shall be kept in good order and repair by the county of Ramsey, as a free bridge, and the said county of Hennepin shall never be liable to any expense in maintenance or repair of said bridge.

SEC. 5. That said commissioners may meet at any time or times hereafter as they may deem advisable, and in case of the death, refusal to serve or disability of either of said commissioners, the governor of this state may fill such vacancy by the appointment of some suitable person to act as such.

SEC. 6. That said commissioners, upon the completion of said bridge, and when the same is opened for public travel, shall surrender the same to the commissioners of said Ramsey county, and thereupon the same shall be considered in charge of said county for repair and protection.

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

Approved March 2d, 1876.

CHAPTER CXXVI.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION ONE OF CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, OF SPECIAL LAWS OF EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE, RELATING TO KEEPING CERTAIN BRIDGE IN REPAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ISANTI.

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

SECTION 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-six of special laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. That the sum of eight hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury belonging to the internal improvement fund, or out of the first money which shall come into the treasury belonging to said fund, not otherwise appropriated, to aid the county of Isanti, and the town of Cambridge, in building a bridge across Rum river where a certain state road from a point in Chisago county, to Princeton, in Mille Lac county, crosses the said river, or at the most suitable and convenient point within one quarter of mile from said crossing, but this appropriation shall not exceed one-half of the entire cost of such bridge, the other one-half to be paid for as follows, to-wit: