SEC. 2. In case any compromise or settlement be made as provided for in the foregoing section, the said sureties shall be forever fully released and discharged from all liability on said bond to the said county, and the several towns, villages and school districts of said county; Provided, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to release or discharge said Silas L. Staples from his liability on said bond, or from any hability that may exist against him by reason of any act or thing that he has done or omitted to do as such treasurer; but all such liability shall continue in full force against the said Silas L. Staples, as though said sureties were not released from liability thereon; Provided further, That this act shall not be construed to in any manner affect any action upon said bond now pending in the district court for said county, wherein the said Staples and the sureties upon said bond are defendants.

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

its passage.

Approved March 7, 1878.

## CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE LOWERING OF THE WATER IN LAKE BEN, IN THE TOWN OF BORSNESS, IN POPE COUNTY.

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

Section 1. By the unanimous consent of all persons owning lands abutting upon Lake Ben, in the town of Borsness, in Pope county, they may lower the water of said lake not to exceed three

(3) feet below its natural and ordinary level.

SEC. 2. The consent referred to in the preceding section shall be in writing, subscribed by the parties consenting, which writing shall be filed in the office of the town clerk of the town in which said lake is situate, before said lake can be lowered under this act.

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

its passage.

Approved March 4, 1878.