

demeanor; provided, that in the case of shipment of horses, cattle or mules by rail it shall be deemed a full compliance with this act if sufficient space is provided for such horses, cattle or mules to stand up.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 30, 1893.

CHAPTER 56.

H. F. No. 82.

Evidence.

An act regulating the manner of proving books of account and entries therein, and contents of letters by deposition.

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

Proving book
accounts by
deposition.

SECTION 1. In case of the proof by deposition of any of the books mentioned in sections 78, 79 and 80 of title 10, chapter 73, general statutes of 1878 of Minnesota or of any of the entries or things therein contained, the production of said books before the officer or person taking the deposition shall be held to be equivalent to producing the same at the trial within the meaning of said section 78, and copies of the entries or other things therein contained desired to be introduced in evidence may be made and attached to the deposition as an exhibit or exhibits and shall be evidence of like force and effect as the books themselves.

Secondary evi-
dence of con-
tents of letters.

SEC. 2. That in all cases where a foundation is laid for the introduction of secondary evidence of the contents of a letter, and where a letterpress copy of such letter properly verified is competent as such evidence, the production of such letterpress copy before the officer or person taking the deposition shall be held equivalent to producing the same at the trial, and a copy or copies of such letterpress copy or copies desired to be introduced in evidence may be attached to the deposition as an exhibit or exhibits, and shall be evidence of like force and effect as the letterpress copy itself; provided, however, that upon the production at the time of trial in court of the originals from which the exhibits mentioned in section one and two hereof have been copied, then, and in that event, the said originals shall become evidence in the place and stead of said exhibits.

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

Approved April 17, 1893.