

S. F. No. 331.

CHAPTER 67.

Increasing
power of rail-
road and
warehouse
commission.

An act to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate common carriers and creating the railroad and warehouse commission of the State of Minnesota, and defining the duties of such commission in relation to common carriers," approved March 7, 1887, as amended by chapter one hundred and six of the general laws of 1891, and relating to the fixing of rates for common carriers.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. That section eight of chapter ten of the general laws of 1887, as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and six of the general laws of 1891, be and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end of subdivision (f) of said section eight the following words:

Commission
may proceed
without com-
plaint being
made.

*Provided, however, the commission may at any time, although no complaint has been filed with it as hereinbefore provided, proceed upon its own motion to investigate the reasonableness of the tariff of rates, fares, charges or classifications, or any part thereof, so filed and published as hereinbefore provided, and for such purpose it shall have the same power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of all or any books, papers, contracts, agreements and documents that relate to the matter under investigation, and to invoke the aid of any court in this state, requiring the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers and documents, as when complaint has been filed as hereinbefore provided. *Provided, further, that before it shall determine or find that any tariff of rates, fares, charges and classification is in whole or in part unjust or unreasonable, it shall notify the common carrier in writing that it has under consideration the reasonableness of said tariff, in whole or in part, as the case may be, and afford such common carrier a reasonable opportunity to be heard at such time as shall be appointed therefor, and thereupon the proceeding shall be conducted, so far as practicable, in the same manner as proceedings are conducted pursuant to the filing of a complaint.**

Common car-
rier to be no-
tified of pro-
ceeding.

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

Approved March 22, 1897.