

CHAPTER 15.

Feb. 19, 1851. *An Act granting to Franklin Steele the right to establish and maintain a Ferry across the Mississippi River.*

SECTION.

1. Grant to Steele of exclusive right to ferry for ten years, within certain bounds.
2. Boat or boats to be kept in good order, and persons passed at all hours.
3. Rates of toll charged not to exceed a specified amount.
4. Island, may land on, and bridge to be built.

SECTION.

5. Recognizance to be filed, when and how conditioned.
6. Failure to comply with conditions of, Penalty for, how recovered
7. Suits on the bond may be instituted for injury to any person by neglect of said Steele, etc.
8. Legislature may amend or modify.

Grants ferry right ten years.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, That Franklin Steele, his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege for the period of ten years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi river in the county of Ramsey and territory of Minnesota, at or near the Falls of St. Anthony; and no other ferry shall be established within one half mile from and above the head of the upper rapids of the Falls of St. Anthony.*

Conditions of the grant.

SEC. 2 The said Franklin Steele, shall at all times keep a safe and good boat, or boats, in good repair, sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing to cross at said ferry, and shall give prompt and ready attendance on passengers or teams on all occasions, and at all hours, both at night or day, but persons wishing to cross at said ferry in the night, may be charged double the fare as hereinafter prescribed.

Ferry rates.

SEC. 3. The rates charged for crossing at the above ferry, shall not exceed the following:

For each foot passenger,	- - - - -	10 cents.
“ each horse, mare, or mule, with or without rider,	- - - - -	15 “
“ each two horse or two ox or two mule team, loaded or unloaded, with driver,	- - - - -	25 “
“ each single horse carriage,	- - - - -	25 “
“ each additional cow or ox,	- - - - -	10 “
“ each swine or sheep,	- - - - -	2 “

All freight of lumber, merchandize, or other articles not in teams, at the rate of 10 cents per bbl., 50 cents per M feet of lumber, and 3 cents per cwt. of all other articles.

Bridge to island to be built for public use.

SEC. 4. The said Franklin Steele shall have the privilege of landing passengers upon the island with which the dam above said falls is connected: *Provided*, That said Steele shall, within six months after the passage of this act, build a substantial bridge from said island, to the east shore; which shall be keep in a good and safe condition at all times, for the crossing of persons, with or without teams; but persons shall not be charged toll for crossing on said bridge.

Sec. 5. The said Franklin Steele, shall within six months after the passage of this act, file, or cause to be filed with the clerk of the board of county commissioners of the county of Ramsey, a bond to the said board with two or more good and sufficient sureties, (to be approved by said board of county commissioners,) in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned that he will fulfil all the duties that are imposed upon him in the foregoing sections, and in case of his failure or neglect so to do, shall forfeit all the benefits that might have accrued to him from its passage.

Bond to be given and filed.

Sec. 6. For every neglect in keeping good and sufficient boats, or failure to give prompt and due attendance, the said Franklin Steele, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by an action of debt before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable in an action on the case for all damages any person shall sustain by reason of the neglect of said Steele to fulfil any of the duties imposed upon him in this act.

Forfeiture for neglect.

Sec. 7. Any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence or default of said Steele or of the ferryman in his employ, may have a remedy by an action upon the bond required in this act.

Remedy for damages.

Sec. 8. The legislature may at any time, alter, amend, or modify this act.

Legislature may amend or modify.

Approved Feb. 19, 1851.

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## CHAPTER 16.

*An Act to incorporate the Minnesota Mutual Fire Insurance Company.*

Nov. 1, 1849.

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**SECTION.**

1. Corporation named and created a body corporate, to insure houses, shops, etc.
2. Directors; business of said corporation to be done in St. Paul.
3. May have a seal, hold real estate in such amount as the company may require.
4. Members of company, who, etc.
5. Directors, affairs to be managed by fifteen; vacancy, how filled.
6. Directors to hold office, how long; when elected, notice of, how holden.
7. Rates of insurance determined.
8. Promissory note deposited, amount paid, remainder how and when payable.
9. Property sold, policy void and deposit notes to be surrendered.
10. Losses and expenses, how paid; insured property pledged to company.

**SECTION.**

11. Collection of deposit notes may be by suit at law.
12. Directors after notice of fire, duty of; amount paid by each member, etc.
13. Dividend to those sustaining losses and assessment on members, etc.
14. Premiums not taxable.
15. Limitation statute not to apply in favor of company.
16. Capital stock.
17. Act in force, how long.
18. Officers of corporation, how and when chosen.
19. Officers of corporation, duties of, annual statement.
20. President and directors, duties and liabilities of.
21. Legislature may alter or repeal charter.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota, Henry Jackson, Charles K. Smith, Franklin Steele, Alexander M. Mitchell, David Olmstead, William H. Forbes, Lorenzo*

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