

CHAPTER XLV.

An Act granting to John Hamilton the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the St. Croix River

- SECTION 1. Ferry charter granted to John Hamilton.
 2. Kind of boat required to be kept, and how it shall be run.
 3. Rates of toll to be charged.
 4. Bond to be filed and liabilities for failure to comply with the terms of the charter.
 5. Liabilities for not keeping a good boat.
 6. Remedy of injured parties.
 7. The right to alter, amend or repeal reserved.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory:

SECTION 1. That John Hamilton, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the St. Croix river, in Chisago county, at a point where the section line between sections twenty-seven and thirty-four, in township thirty-five, north of range nineteen west of the fourth meridian, intersects said river, for the period of fifteen years, and no other ferry shall be established within one mile either above or below said Point. Ferry charter granted.

SEC. 2. That the said John Hamilton shall at all times keep a safe boat or boats, in good repair, sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing to cross said ferry, and shall give prompt and ready attendance on passengers and teams on all occasions, and at all hours, both at night or day; but persons wishing to cross at said ferry (at night) after 9 o'clock may be charged double the fare as hereinafter prescribed. What kind of ferry shall be kept.

SEC. 3. The rates charged for crossing the above ferry shall not exceed the following: Rates of toll.

For each foot passenger	10 cents.
“ horse, mare, mule or ass, with or without rider	25 “
“ single horse carriage	35 “
“ two horse, two ox, or two mule team, loaded or unloaded, with driver	50 “
“ additional horse, mule, ox or cow	15 “
“ swine or sheep	3 “
For lumber, per thousand feet	50 “
For all articles of merchandize, in barrels	5 “
For all articles per hundred	3 “

Bonds required.

SEC. 4. The said John Hamilton 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 Chisago county, a bond to the said board of commissioners with two or more good, sufficient sureties, to be approved by the said Commissioners in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that they will fulfill all the duties that are imposed upon them in the foregoing sections; and in case of their failure or neglect so to do, they shall forfeit all the benefits that might have accrued to them from the passage of this act.

Liabilities for not keeping a good boat.

SEC. 5. For every neglect in keeping good and sufficient boats, or failure to give prompt and due attendance, the said John Hamilton shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars, to be recovered by a civil action before any court having competent jurisdiction.

Damages.

SEC. 6. Any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence of the said John Hamilton, or any ferryman in his employ, may have a remedy on the bond required by this act.

Power to alter or amend reserved.

SEC. 7. The Legislature may at any time alter, amend, modify or repeal this act.

J. S. NORRIS,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WM. P. MURRAY,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSETT,

Secretary of Minnesota Territory.