

CHAPTER XLVII.

An Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt and for other purposes.

- SECTION 1. After the passage of this act no person in this Territory shall be subject to imprisonment for debt.
2. Cases of fraud or concealment of goods.
 3. Laws authorizing imprisonment for debt are hereby repealed.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That from and after the passage of this act, no person in this Territory shall be subject to imprisonment for debt or arrest, under or by virtue of any process issuing from any court, tribunal or functionary therein, on account of any debt, judgement, pecuniary liability, or demand, due or claimed to be due by any citizen or citizens of this Territory, or to any citizen or citizens of any State or Territory of the United States; or of any citizen or citizens, subject or subjects of any foreign State, Principality, Kingdom or Empire, unless the same shall be for a fine imposed by a court or jury having jurisdiction, of the offence or offender for the commission of a specified crime or misdemeanor, whereof the delinquent shall have been previously convicted after a trial before some competent tribunal: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be construed so as to deprive any court or judge thereof, of the right to punish summarily for contempt, without the intervention of a jury, by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of said court or judge.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That in all cases where the plaintiff or complainant shall seek to charge the defendant with fraud, the concealment of goods, property or money, or with bad faith, touching any pecuniary or business transaction, such plaintiff or complainant shall in all such cases, be left to his suit against the defendant in and by which, in his pleadings he shall charge the defendant with such fraud, concealment, &c., &c., in as clear and distinct a manner as the case shall permie, to which the defendant shall answer or plead, and the facts arising or elicited upon such pleadings, and the accompanying evidence shall be submitted to the jury as in criminal cases.

SEC. 3. *And be further enacted*, That all laws now in force in this Territory, passed by the Legislative Assembly thereof, authorizing the imprisonment or arrest of any debtor, or the issuance of any writ of *capias*

ad satisfaciendam, or execution against the body, together with all laws in conflict with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Act takes effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

J. S. NORRIS,
Speaker of House of Representatives.
WM. P. MURRAY,
President of Council.

APPROVED—March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER XLVIII.

An Act to regulate the sale of Spirituous Liquors in this Territory.

- SECTION 1. Power of County Commissioners over licenses.
2. How licenses may be obtained.
 3. Of the violation of licenses granted.
 4. When and how suits may be brought for violation of license privileges.
 5. Penalty for selling spirituous liquors without a license.
 6. Of the revoking of a license.
 7. Jurisdiction of justices of the peace under this act.
 8. Persons sued for violations of the provisions of this act.
 9. When this act shall take effect.
 10. Acts or parts of acts contravening parts of this act repealed.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory:

Licenses.

SECTION 1. That the County Commissioners in the several counties in this Territory may, at any regular or special meeting of the Board, grant licenses for the sale of spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors, within their proper counties to as many persons, being legal voters in said county, as the said board may deem expedient: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be so construed as to authorize the granting of any license