

CHAPTER CXIV.

*An Act granting to George Houghton and Christopher Davis the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi River.*

- SECTION 1. Ferry Granted George Houghton and Christopher Davis.  
 2. Keep good boat.  
 3. Rates of ferrriage.  
 4. File Bond.  
 5. Penalty for neglect.  
 6. Remedy for injury.  
 7. Take effect.  
 8. Legislature may amend.

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

SECTION 1. That George Houghton and Christopher Davis, their heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege for the period of fifteen years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi River, in the counties of Wright and Benton, in the Territory of Minnesota, at a point near or opposite the town of Manhattan. And no other ferry shall be established within one mile of said ferry, either above or below. Ferry

SEC. 2. That said George Houghton and Christopher Davis 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 for the crossing of passengers, teams or live stock, merchandise and all other articles, on all occasions, and at all hours, both at night or day; but persons wishing to cross at said ferry after nine o'clock at night, may be charged double fare as hereinafter prescribed. Keep good boat

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

For each foot passenger,	10 cents.
For each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider,	25 "
For two horses, two ox or two mule team, loaded or unloaded, with driver,	50 "
For single horse carriage,	35 "
For additional cow or ox,	15 "
For each swine or sheep,	3 "

All freight of lumber, fifty cents per thousand feet, and three cents per one hundred pounds for all other articles.

SEC. 4. That said George Houghton and Christopher Davis shall within six months after this act takes effect, file or cause to be filed with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Wright, a Bond to said Board, with two or more sufficient sureties, to be approved by said Clerk, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that they will fulfil all the duties that are imposed upon them in the foregoing sections. File bond

SEC. 5. For every neglect in keeping a good and sufficient boat, or failure to give prompt and ready attendance, the said George Houghton and Christopher Davis, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding fifteen dollars, to be recovered by a civil action before any Court having jurisdiction. Fine for neglect

- Remedy for injury      SEC. 6. Any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence of said George Houghton and Christopher Davis or of the ferryman in their employ may have a remedy on the bond required in this act.
- Not to conflict      SEC. 7. This act to take effect on the first day of July next.
- Take effect      SEC. 8. The Legislature may amend or modify this act at any time.

CHARLES GARDNER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

*Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*

## CHAPTER CXV.

*An Act to authorize G. A. Bellecour to construct and maintain a dam across the Pembina River.*

- SECTION 1. J. A. Bellecour granted right to construct dam.
2. Obtain written consent.
3. This act not to conflict with laws.
4. Legislature may alter.
5. Take effect.

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

- Construct Dam      SECTION 1. G. A. Bellecour, his associates, successors heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized to erect and maintain a dam across Pembina river, at or near St. Josephs on said river, and to make use of the water for hydraulic purposes.
- Written consent      SEC. 2. The said Bellecour shall obtain the written consent of all individuals whose lands may be flooded by and in consequence of the building of said dam, and thereupon his right shall be valid to flood said land to the extent prescribed in said written consent.
- Not to conflict      SEC. 3. Nothing in this bill shall be so construed as to conflict with the Constitution, Laws or Treaties of the United States or the Organic act of Minnesota.
- Amend      SEC. 4. This act may be altered, amended or repealed at any time by the Legislature of the Territory or future State of Minnesota.
- Take effect      SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHARLES GARDNER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

*President of the Council.*

APPROVED—February eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

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

J. TRAVIS ROSSER, *Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*