

regulations for the payment of such bounty as they may deem necessary.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved February 26, 1877.

CHAPTER 126.

AN ACT APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS TO ASCERTAIN THE AMOUNT OF STUMPAGE MONEY BELONGING TO THE LAKE SUPERIOR AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD COMPANY COLLECTED BY THE LATE STATE AUDITOR, AS COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE LAND OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A SETTLEMENT OF SAID CLAIM.

Relating to
stumpage
money.

WHEREAS, the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company claims that Charles McIlrath, late Auditor of State and commissioner of the State land office, acting as such, did collect and receive, over and above the expenses of collecting the same, stumpage money for timber cut upon the lands of the said company that ought to be accounted for and allowed to said corporation; therefore,

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

Investigation
to be made.

SECTION 1. That the attorney general and railroad commissioner of this State be and they are hereby authorized and required to investigate the matters referred to in the preamble to this act, and to that end may take testimony and hear and consider the proofs that may be adduced in the premises, and in case they shall find that such alleged collections have not been made, they shall report accordingly; but in case they shall find from the evidence that an amount has in fact been so collected belonging to said company that in justice and equity should be accounted for to said company, they shall ascertain the same, including legal interest thereon, and report the amount so found to the State Treasurer in writing; and in case an amount not exceeding eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000), is so found and reported, the said treasurer is authorized and required to credit the same to said company and apply the same in satisfaction of such

amount as shall hereafter become due and payable by said company or its successor, upon its gross earnings, in lieu of taxes, and so adjust and settle the same.

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

Approved February 15, 1877.

CHAPTER 127.

AN ACT TO PUNISH THE ABDUCTION OF UNMARRIED WOMEN FROM THEIR HOMES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROSTITUTION.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall inveigle, entice or take away any unmarried female of previous chaste character, under the age of twenty-five (25) years, from her father's home or wherever else she may be, for the purpose of prostitution at a house of ill-fame, assignation or elsewhere, and every person who shall aid or assist in such abduction for such purpose shall be guilty of a felony, and shall upon conviction thereof be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not exceeding five (5) years. *Provided*, that no conviction shall be had under the provisions of this act on the testimony of the female so inveigled or enticed away, unsupported by other evidence, nor unless an indictment shall be found within two (2) years after the commission of the offense. Abduction of females for prostitution—how punished.

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

Approved February 7, 1877.