

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 173.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF CHARLES E. LEONARD.

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

Appropriation
to Charles E.
Leonard.

SECTION 1. That there be appropriated to Charles E. Leonard, out of the treasury, the sum of one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty-five cents (\$199.55), the same being due him as Territorial Treasurer, and which sum has not been paid, nor any part thereof.

When act to
take effect.

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

Approved March 3, 1877.

CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF REWARDS FOR THE CAPTURE OF THE NORTHFIELD BANK ROBBERS.

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

Appropriation
for reward for
capture of
Northfield
robbers.

SECTION 1. That there be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), to be paid to the person or persons justly entitled thereto, under the proclamation of the Governor, of the date, September twelfth (12th), one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six (1876), for the capture of the persons engaged in the attempted robbery of the bank at Northfield, and the murder of the cashier thereof, which sum, herein appropriated, shall be paid out as provided in the next section of this act.

SEC. 2. In order to provide for the just distribution and payment of the reward named in the preceding section, it shall be the duty of the judge of the district court for the sixth (6th) judicial district, to duly investigate and inquire into the facts connected with the capture of the said bank robbers, and for this purpose, such judge may fix the time and place when and where such investigation and inquiry will take place, and upon such investigation, the said judge shall be authorized and empowered to administer oaths and take [the] testimony of such persons as he shall deem proper, but before such investigation shall be had, the said judge shall cause to be published in a newspaper published in the county of Watonwan, a notice of the time and place of such hearing, once in each week, for three successive weeks, before the time fixed for such investigation. After having duly inquired into the facts relating to the said capture, as above provided, the said judge shall make an order directing the payment of the said reward, distributing the same to such persons as in his judgment are justly and fairly entitled thereto, specifying the amount which each person is entitled to receive. But no such person shall be excluded from receiving a just portion of such reward by reason of having held the office of sheriff or any other public office at the time of such capture. *Provided*, that the order of [the] said judge, to be made under and in pursuance of the provisions of this section, shall be final, and that no appeal shall be taken therefrom.

Relating to the proper distribution of the money.

SEC. 3. When such order shall have been duly made and entered of record, and a copy thereof duly certified, shall be filed in the office of the Auditor of State, it shall be the duty of the auditor to draw his warrants upon the treasury for the amount of the several sums directed in said order to be paid to the several persons named therein.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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Approved February 15, 1877.