

## CHAPTER 231.

AN ACT GRANTING FERRY PRIVILEGES TO HUGH THOMPSON ACROSS RED LAKE RIVER, AT FISHER'S LANDING, IN POLK COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That Hugh Thompson, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, have the exclusive right and privilege, for a period of five years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Red Lake river, at Fisher's Landing, in the county of Polk, in this State, or at any point within five miles up and down said river where any public highway shall intersect it at Fisher's Landing.

SEC. 2. The said Hugh Thompson shall, within six (6) months after the passage of this act, place and maintain upon such ferry such good and sufficient boat or boats as may be necessary to carry across said river all teams, horses, cattle, and other property, and for the accommodation of foot passengers, and shall at all times give ready and prompt attention to passengers or teams on all occasions and at all hours of the day and night; but persons crossing said ferry with teams or otherwise at night, may be charged double the fare, as hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 3. The said Hugh Thompson, his heirs or assigns, may land their boats, passengers and property on any public highways which may terminate within the points above specified, or on the lands of any person owning the same, first having procured their permission to do so.

SEC. 4. The rates charged at said ferry shall not exceed the following: For each foot passenger, ten (10) cents; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, fifteen (15) cents; for each two-horse, two-oxen, or two-mules team, loaded or unloaded, with driver, twenty-five (25) cents; for each swine, sheep, or head of cattle, five (5) cents. All freight or merchandise not on teams, at the rate of ten (10) cents per one hundred (100) weight.

SEC. 5. If the said Hugh Thompson, his heirs or assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by them, shall take, exact, or require any greater or higher rates of ferriage for transporting persons, teams, goods and chattels, or other things whatsoever than are allowed by this act—any person so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offense the sum of ten dollars (\$10), to be recovered, with cost of suit, before any justice of the peace within the said county, and for the use of any person who shall sue for the same.

SEC. 6. If any other person or persons shall, after the establishment of the said ferry [as] aforesaid, set up, keep, or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any person, goods or chattels for hire or

pay across said river from any place on either shore, within the points above specified, every such person shall, for every such offense, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars (\$10), to be recovered, with costs of suit, in any court of this State having cognizance thereof, by any person who shall or may prosecute the same. *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be deemed or construed to prevent any person who reside within the limits aforesaid from the right of making use of their own boats, in transporting themselves and their own property across the same at pleasure.

SEC. 7. If the said Hugh Thompson, his heirs or assigns, fail to fulfill any of the conditions of this act, then the Legislature may at any time alter, amend, or repeal the same.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 3, 1877.

## CHAPTER 232.

AN ACT GRANTING TO EDWARD E. HERMAN THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FERRY ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT THE VILLAGE OF REEDS.

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

SECTION 1. That Edward E. Herman, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the period of ten (10) years from the passage of this act, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi river from some point within the incorporate limits of the village of Reeds, in the county of Wabashaw, and State of Minnesota, to the opposite shore, in the State of Wisconsin.

SEC. 2. The said Edward E. Herman, his heirs, executors or assigns, shall immediately after the passage of this act, place and maintain at the village of Reeds, a good and sufficient boat or boats for the accommodation and carriage of all persons, teams, animals or other property, and shall at all times between the hours of six (6) in the morning and seven (7) in the evening, give ready and prompt attention on passengers and teams. *Provided, however*, that such ferriage shall not be required when by reason of floating ice, or other sufficient cause, the same would be dangerous or improvident. *Provided further*, that said ferriage shall not be required when the roads across the Mississippi bottoms leading to