

CHAPTER CCCIII.

AN ACT GRANTING FERRY PRIVILEGE TO ALEXANDER GRIGGS
ACROSS RED RIVER IN POLK COUNTY, AT A POINT OPPOSITE
GRAND FORKS, DAKOTA TERRITORY.

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

SECTION 1. That Alexander Griggs, his heirs, executors or assigns, shall have exclusive right and privilege for a period of ten years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Red river, at or near the northwest quarter of section two of township one hundred and fifty-one of range fifty, at a point opposite Grand Forks, Dakota Territory, and no ferry shall be established within one-half mile of said ferry above or below; *Provided*, this act shall not interfere with existing ferry privilege nor prevent the establishment of any free ferry.

SEC. 2. That the said Alexander Griggs, or his legal representatives, shall at all times keep a safe boat or boats in good repair sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing to cross said ferry, and shall give prompt and ready attendance for the crossing said ferry. After nine o'clock at night may be charged double fare as hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 3. The rates charged for crossing at the above ferry shall not exceed the following: For each foot passenger, five cents; for each single horse, mare, mule or ass, with or without a rider, ten cents; for each two horse, mule or ox team, twenty-five cents; for each single horse carriage, fifteen cents; for each additional cow, horse or ox, ten cents; for each sheep or swine, three cents. All freight, merchandise or other articles, not in teams, at the rate of five cents per hundred pounds, and fifty cents per thousand feet for lumber.

SEC. 4. That the said Alexander Griggs shall, within one year after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the county auditors of Polk county, a bond with two sufficient sureties, to be approved by the board of county commissioners, in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will fulfill the duties imposed upon him by virtue of this act, and in case of failure so to do, he shall forfeit all the benefits accruing to him under this act.

SEC. 5. For any neglect in keeping a good and sufficient ferry boat and giving prompt and due attendance, the said Alexander Griggs shall forfeit a sum not exceeding five dollars, to be recovered before any court of competent jurisdiction; and any person who shall sustain any injury by the negligence or default of the said Alexander Griggs, may have a remedy by an action on the bond required in this act.

SEC. 6. That the said Alexander Griggs shall have the term of one year in which to establish a competent ferry for the accommodation of persons, and to carry horses, cattle, freight and merchandise.

SEC. 7. This act shall be amendable by the legislature at any time.

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

Approved March 6, 1879.