

CHAPTER 321.

[H. F. No. 127.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PERSONS THEREIN NAMED TO CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, AND APPROACHES AND WAGON ROAD THERETO, BETWEEN THE CITY OF LA CROSSE AND THE TOWN OF LA CRESCENT.

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

SECTION 1. Donald J. Cameron, Peter Ferguson and Edward A. Wheeler, of the county of Houston in this state, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to contract, operate and maintain a wagon bridge across the Mississippi river, commencing at any point in the county of Houston in this state, and extending to the corporate limits of the city of La Crosse, in the state of Wisconsin.

SEC. 2. Said Donald J. Cameron, Peter Ferguson and Edward A. Wheeler, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain a wagon road commencing at any point on a lawful street or highway in the village of La Crescent, in the county of Houston in this state; extending thence by the most direct and feasible route, to the boundary line between this state and the said state of Wisconsin opposite the corporate limits of the city of La Crosse; and for that purpose the said Donald J. Cameron, Peter Ferguson and Edward A. Wheeler, their associates and assigns, may acquire and hold for the purposes aforesaid, by purchase, gift or otherwise, so much land, not exceeding one hundred and fifty (150) feet in width, together with such additional lands as may be necessary to supply material for the construction and maintenance of said wagon road. Said persons above named, their associates and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to construct and maintain all such bridges, culverts and approaches as may be necessary or convenient to construct said wagon road to connect the same with the city of La Crosse, in the state of Wisconsin.

SEC. 3. That portion of said bridge that shall cross the eastern or main channel of said Mississippi river may be constructed as a pontoon bridge, a drawbridge, or high pier bridge, as the secretary of war may direct.

SEC. 4. The owners or lessees of said wagon road and bridges may charge and collect a reasonable toll for crossing and traveling upon said wagon road and bridges, not exceeding the rates authorized by the laws of Wisconsin or Minnesota.

SEC. 5. The town of La Crescent and county of Houston shall never be liable for any damages sustained or suffered by any person traveling or being upon said wagon road or any bridge constituting a part thereof, caused by the improper construction of such road or bridge, or want of diligence in keeping the same in repair, but all such damages shall be paid by the owners and lessees of said road and bridges.

SEC. 6. All persons herein named may transfer the rights herein granted to any person or corporation for the same uses and purposes in this act expressed, by an assignment in writing, which assignment, or a duly certified copy thereof, shall be filed with the secretary of state; *provided*, that said Donald J. Cameron, Peter Ferguson and Edward A. Wheeler shall not be entitled to operate under the provisions of this act until they shall file in the office of the secretary of state an acceptance of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 5, 1889.

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[S. F. No. 139.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING EACH TOWN, CITY AND INCORPORATED VILLAGE IN MEEKER COUNTY TO SUPPORT ITS OWN POOR.

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

SECTION 1. That each township, city and incorporated village in the county of Meeker shall provide for and support all poor persons in the town, city or village, and the board of town supervisors of each town in said county, and the city or village council of any city or incorporated village in said Meeker county, shall have entire and exclusive superintendence of the poor of their respective towns, cities or villages.

SEC. 2. The electors of each town, city or village in said county shall, at their annual town meeting in each year, vote to raise such sum of money for the support of the poor as they may deem expedient, which facts the town clerk shall certify to the county auditor. The county auditor of said county shall, at the time of making the grand tax duplicates of said county, assess and levy upon the taxable property of each town, city or village in said county, such sums raised by each town, city or village for said purpose.

SEC. 3. All applications for aid shall be made to the board of township supervisors or to the common council of the cities or villages of said county in which the applicant resides, and upon a proper case being made out for aid to care for the poor persons or paupers, the supervisors or the members of the common council or a majority of them shall order such sum of money or other thing, as they deem best, to be paid to such poor person or pauper, at such time and manner as may be deemed necessary.

SEC. 4. The county treasurer of said county shall refund to the town, city and village treasurer of each township, city or village, the