

**Chap 464** An Act requiring the Board of Public Works to proceed in the improvement of the Wisconsin River, and to take the necessary measures for leasing the hydraulic power at the Lift Lock on the Portage Canal.

*The people of the State of Wisconsin represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

**To complete im-  
provement.**

SECTION 1. The commissioners of the board of public works are hereby authorized and required to commence the work of improvement of the navigation of the Wisconsin river below the Portage, the present season, and to complete the same as soon as practicable, according to the plans of the chief engineer in his report for the year 1849; and, pursuant to law, to let contracts for such works of improvement.

**Fund set apart.**

SEC. 2. The one sixth of the proceeds of the sales of the lands granted by congress for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, and connecting the same by a canal, is hereby set apart for the payment of the expenses of such necessary improvement of the navigation of the Wisconsin river, and no other application of any part of said one sixth of the proceeds of the sales of said lands shall be made until the completion of the improvement of the navigation of said Wisconsin river, according to the provisions of the first section of this act, and all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this section are hereby repealed.

**May lease water  
power.**

SEC. 3. The board of public works are hereby authorized and empowered to lease such portions of the hydraulic power at the Lift Lock on the Portage canal, at Fort Winnebago, on such terms as they may deem most for the interest of the state, but which shall not in any wise injure the navigation of said canal.

**How money ex-  
pended.**

SEC. 4. The moneys derivable from the rents accruing under the lease of such hydraulic power may be expended in the improvement and completion of said canal.

SEC. 5. This act to be in force from and after its publication.

J. McM. SHAFER,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

E. B. DEAN, JR.,

*President pro tem. of the Senate.*

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LEONARD J. FARWELL.

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