

peal the whole or any part of any charter heretofore granted to any other company, person or persons.

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

Approved March 31, 1864.

CHAPTER 279.

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AN ACT to authorize Fordyce S. Richards to keep and maintain a ferry on the Mississippi river.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Fordyce S. Richards, his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, are hereby granted for the period of ten years next ensuing, the right and privilege of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the Mississippi river, in the county of Pepin, in this state, at or near the foot of Lake Pepin, and no other person or persons shall during said period be permitted to establish or keep a ferry across said river within one mile of said ferry, or between said lake and the mouth of the Chippewa river: *provided*, that this charter shall be subject and subordinate to any other unexpired charter heretofore granted for said locality.

Authority to maintain ferry.

SECTION 2. Said Fordyce S. Richards, his assigns or legal representatives, shall at all times keep for the use of said ferry, good boats sufficient for the accommodation of all persons wishing conveyance across the river at said ferry, and shall give prompt attention and conveyance to passengers and teams at all hours when passage at said ferry shall be desired, but persons crossing at said ferry, or having freight of any description conveyed across, between the hours of nine o'clock P. M. and five o'clock A. M., may be charged double the rates of toll hereinafter prescribed.

To keep good boats, &c.

SECTION 3. Except in cases specified in section two of this act, the rates of toll across said river shall not exceed the following, to wit: For each foot passenger, fifteen cents; for a double loaded team, seventy-five

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cents; for each single team, fifty cents; for one man and a horse or mule, thirty-five cents; for every additional horse, mule, ox, cow or head of neat cattle, of ten or less, fifteen cents each; for every head more than ten in number, ten cents each; for every sheep or swine, four cents each; for each barrel of freight, ten cents; for each hundred pounds of freight, five cents; for each thousand feet of lumber, fifty cents. In case of high water, so as to prevent landing at the usual place, thirty-three and one-third per cent. may be added to the above prices.

To file bond.

SECTION 4. The said Fordyce S. Richards shall within six months after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the register of deeds of Pepin county, his bond, executed to said county, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, with one or more sufficient sureties, to be approved by the chairman of the county board of supervisors, conditioned that he will faithfully fulfill all the duties required of him by this act; and in case of his failure so to do, he shall forfeit all the rights and privileges secured to him by the passage of this act.

Liable for damages, &c.

SECTION 5. The said Fordyce S. Richards is hereby made liable for all losses and damage any person may sustain in consequence of his neglect or refusal to comply with the requirements of this act; and any person who shall sustain such loss or damage in consequence of the neglect or default of said Fordyce S. Richards, or any ferryman in his employ, is entitled to sustain an action at law on said bond required by this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 31, 1864.