

ney, or give his deposition, the defendant shall be a competent witness to prove the usury.

SEC. 8. Whenever it shall satisfactorily appear to a court, When Court shall declare securities void. that any bond, bill, note, assurance, pledge, conveyance, contract, security, or any evidence of debt has been taken or received in violation of the provisions of this act, the court shall declare the same to be void, and enjoin any prosecution thereon, and order the same to be delivered up and cancelled.

FREDERICK W. HORN,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

DUNCAN C. REED,

*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

Approved, March 10th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.

An Act to authorise Napoleon B. Millard and A. D. Bonesteel to build and maintain a [dam] across the Little Wolf River.

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

SECTION 1. That Napoleon B. Millard and A. D. Bonesteel, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to construct and maintain a dam across the Little Wolf river at their present mill site, about two and a half miles above Grignon's mill.

SEC. 2. The said dam may be so constructed as to give ten feet head, and the owner or owners thereof shall build and keep in good condition a sufficient slide, not less than thirty feet wide and so constructed as not to cause a fall of more than three feet to every twelve feet of surface, to admit of the passage of rafts and timber down said stream. How slide to be constructed.

SEC. 3. Any person or persons committing any malicious injury to said dam, shall be liable to the owner or owners thereof for the amount of injury done, and all damages sustained may be collected before any court having competent jurisdiction, and in accordance thereto, upon conviction therefor, be punished in the manner provided by law for offences of that nature. Penalty for wilful injury to dam

SEC. 4. This act may be altered, amended or repealed by any subsequent legislature.

FREDERICK W. HORN,

*Speaker of the Assembly.*

DUNCAN C. REED,

*President pro tempore of the Senate.*

Approved, 11th, 1851.

NELSON DEWEY.