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CHAPTER 241.

AN ACT granting to Gilbert P. Tripp the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Mississippi river, from the village of Alma to Wabasha county, Minnesota.

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

SECTION 1. That Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, shall have the exclusive right and privilege, for the period of ten years, of keeping and maintaining a ferry across the waters of the Mississippi river, at and from a point in the village of Alma, Buffalo county, Wisconsin, to Wabasha county, opposite, in the state of Minnesota.

Site of privilege.

SECTION 2. That said Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs and assigns, shall within two years after the passage of this act, place and maintain at the aforesaid place, such good and sufficient boat or boats as may be necessary to carry across said river, all teams, horses, cattle and other property, and for the accommodation of foot passengers or teams, on all occasions and at all hours of the day, excepting during such time of the year as the said Mississippi river is impassable by reason of running ice.

Accommodations to be provided.

SECTION 3. The said Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs and assigns, may land his boats, passengers and property, on any public highway, which now does or may hereafter terminate within the points above specified, or on the lands of any person or persons owning the same, he or they having first procured permission of such owners.

Landing of boats.

SECTION 4. The said Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs or assigns, shall, within two years after the passage of this act, file, or cause to be filed, with the clerk of the village of Alma, a bond to said village, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that he or they will fulfill all the duties imposed upon him or them by this act, which said bond shall be approved by the board of trustees of said village of Alma, and in case of failure so to do, he shall forfeit all the benefit that might accrue to him or them by virtue of this enactment.

Bond.

SECTION 5. That for every neglect to keep a good and sufficient boat or boats, or failure to give prompt and due attendance upon all persons wishing to cross the said ferry, the aforesaid Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs and assigns, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten dol-

Liability to keep up ferry.

lars, and shall be further liable for all damages, any person may sustain by reason of the neglect of the aforesaid Gilbert P. Tripp to fulfill any of the duties imposed upon him by this act, or of any one in his employ.

Rates.

SECTION 6. The rates charged for crossing at said ferry shall not exceed the following, except to those crossing between the hours of eight o'clock P. M. and five o'clock A. M., when double said rates may be charged: For each foot passenger, fifteen cents; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, twenty-five cents; for each two horse, or two mule team, loaded or unloaded, with or without driver, fifty cents; for each single horse carriage, with or without passengers, fifty cents; for each additional horse, mare, mule, ox or cow, twenty cents; for each swine or sheep, five cents; all freight of merchandise and other articles not in teams, at the rate of five cents per hundred weight, when the same, delivered by one person, shall not exceed two hundred pounds, and for any excess over two hundred pounds, at the rate of two cents per hundred weight, and fifty cents for one thousand feet of lumber.

Penalty for exacting excessive rates.

SECTION 7. If the said Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs and assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by him, shall take, exact or receive any greater or higher rate of ferriage for transporting persons, goods and chattels, or other things whatsoever, than is allowed by this act, the said Gilbert P. Tripp, his heirs and assigns, shall forfeit the sum of five dollars for every such act, and which may be recovered before any justice of the peace of their state, having by law jurisdiction of the same.

Penalty for infringement.

SECTION 8. If any other person or persons shall, after establishment of said ferry as aforesaid, set up or keep and maintain any ferry, or shall carry any persons, goods or chattels for hire or pay across the Mississippi river from any place on the east side or shore of the waters of said river within the points above specified, every such person shall for every such offense forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 30, 1881.