

## CHAPTER 285.

[Published March 25, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize the building of a dam in the Wisconsin river, at the city of Portage.

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

SECTION 1. Solomon Leach, of the city of Portage, his associates, successors, and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect, keep and maintain a wing dam in Wisconsin river at the city of Portage, as high as the average low water mark in said river, the said dam to be built in the middle of the river, and extend toward the shores, and not to be built nearer than one hundred and ten feet to either shore, and so constructed as to leave a channel at either bank of the river one hundred and ten feet wide and two feet deep.

Authority to build dam.

SECTION 2. Said dam shall be so constructed as not in any manner to obstruct the free navigation of said river at any time, within 110 feet of the shore, and not increase the flow of the mean of the current to more than eight feet per second at low water, or more than five and a half miles per hour; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the construction of said dam, or any part thereof until the shore on the southerly side of said river, opposite the proposed dam, shall have been fully protected, so that the shore shall not be cut or washed away by the increased flow of water caused by said dam.

How dam to be constructed.

SECTION 3. The said dam shall be so constructed as not to obstruct the broad and natural flow of the river in high water.

Not to obstruct river in high water

SECTION 4. The said dam shall not be within five hundred feet of the bridge across said river, and shall be above said bridge.

Location of dam.

SECTION 5. The said Solomon Leach, his associates, successors and assigns, shall have the exclusive use, benefits and privileges of using the current made or obtained by said dam, for the purposes of driving current water wheels in said river, by the currents obtained by the erection and maintenance of said dam, and any person or persons who shall in any manner injure said dam shall be liable to the owner or owners thereof, in a civil action for all the damages there-

Penalty for injuring dam.

by sustained, in addition to the penalties provided by law.

SECTION 6. This act is hereby declared to be a public act, and shall take effect from and after its passage.

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## CHAPTER 286.

[Published April 7, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioners of School and University Lands to appoint a commission to inquire into the transactions of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship-Canal and Harbor Company, and to make report of the same.

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

Land commissioners to appoint persons to investigate acts of Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship Canal and Harbor Company.

SECTION 1. In case work shall not have been begun in good faith, upon said canal and harbor, on or before the first day of August, 1876, with reasonable assurance that the same will be prosecuted to completion without further delay, the Commissioners of School and University Lands are authorized and required to appoint and commission three discreet persons to inquire into the transactions of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship-Canal and Harbor Company, their officers and agents, and to report to said commissioners, on or before the first day of October, 1876, said inquiry to cover such grounds and to include such matters and things as the said commissioners may direct.

Power of persons appointed in making investigation.

SECTION 2. The persons so appointed, or any one or more of them, shall have power, in any county in this state, to issue subpoenas for persons to appear and testify, and to produce papers, records and documents and to compel obedience to any such subpoena by attachment; and such subpoenas and attachments may be directed to the sheriff of any county in this state, and shall be executed by such sheriff in the same manner as such writs are executed when issued out of the circuit courts of this state; and the tender or payment of fees to such witnesses or officers shall not be necessary.

Duty of same.

SECTION 3. The persons so appointed shall make diligent inquiry into the matters committed to them,