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CHAPTER 121.

AN ACT to exempt the town of Caledonia, Columbia county, from the operations of chapter 90, laws of 1885, and chapter 340, laws of 1889.

Construction of levee on Wisconsin river in Columbia county, increased overflows thereof.

WHEREAS, The construction of a levee in the town of Lewiston, in Columbia county, and of another in the territory of Portage city, in the same county, by the state and the general government at a cost of twenty-eight thousand dollars (\$28,000), to prevent the overflows of the Wisconsin river in said town and city, have greatly increased the severity and destruction of the overflows of said river in the town of Caledonia in the same county.

Sum of money received by town of Caledonia, under former acts insufficient to construct adequate levee.

WHEREAS, The amount of money the said town of Caledonia received in accordance to chapter 322, laws of 1883, as amended by chapter 90, laws of 1885, proved to a considerable amount insufficient for the construction of an adequate levee in said town, as required by said chapter 322, laws of 1883, and,

Purposes of act.

WHEREAS, The desired objects to reclaim a large tract (ten thousand acres) of overflowed lands, in said town of Caledonia, to relieve a number of settlers thereon from great suffering and damage, which they sustain through the annual overflows of the Wisconsin river, and to enable the authorities of said town to maintain and improve several leading highways across the overflowed district, are not obtainable until the levee aforesaid is made complete; therefore,

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

Town of Caledonia exempt from operation of chapter 90, laws of 1885, and chapter 340, laws of 1889.

SECTION 1. The town of Caledonia, in the county of Columbia, shall be exempt from the operations of chapter 90, laws of 1885, and chapter 340, laws of 1889.

State treasurer required to pay treasurer of Columbia county certain moneys.

SECTION 2. The state treasurer is hereby required to pay to the treasurer of Columbia county, for the use of the town of Caledonia in said county, the full amount of money realized from

the sale of indemnity lands given in lieu of lands located by soldiers' warrants in town twelve north, of range eight and nine east.

SECTION 3. The state treasurer is hereby further required to pay to the treasurer of Columbia county, for the use of the town of Caledonia in said county, a sum of money equal to two dollars (\$2.00) per acre for all the unsold indemnity lands given in lieu of lands located by soldiers' warrants in said town twelve north, of range eight and nine east. Same.

SECTION 4. The authorities of the said town of Caledonia, in the county of Columbia, are required to apply the entire amount of money due under the provisions of sections 2 and 3, of this act, to complete the construction of a levee in said town as provided in section 1, chapter 322, laws of 1883, of sufficient width and height, and to raise by a tax, as provided by chapter 213, laws of 1873, all further sums of money necessary for that purpose and for the maintaining of the said levee thereafter. Application of same.

SECTION 5. The commissioners of public lands shall, within sixty days after the passage and publication of this act, ascertain the amount of money due to the said town of Caledonia, in accordance with sections 2 and 3, of this act, and the secretary of the state shall draw a warrant upon the state treasurer for a sum of money so found due to the town aforesaid. Commissioners of public lands to ascertain amount due under sections 2 and 3. Secretary of state to draw warrant for same.

SECTION 6. There is hereby appropriated out of the drainage fund a sum of money sufficient to pay the warrants drawn under the provision of this act in favor of the treasurer of Columbia county for the use of the said town of Caledonia. Appropriation.

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

Approved March 30, 1891.