

AN ACT to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Milwaukee River in the town of Milwaukee.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin.

§ 1. That George D. Dousman, Andrew McCormick, David Merrill, and such others as shall associate with them for that purpose, are hereby authorized to construct a float bridge across the Milwaukee river, from the foot of Water street, in the East Ward of the town of Milwaukee, to the foot of Ferry street, on Walker's Point, in said town. Bridge on Milwaukee river.

§ 2. The cost of constructing, repairing and attending said bridge, shall be paid by voluntary subscription, and under no pretence whatever shall any part thereof be paid out of the county treasury; and said bridge when completed shall be and forever remain FREE, and no person or persons crossing the same shall be required to pay any toll therefor. Cost how paid No toll.

§ 3. The said bridge shall be constructed without any pier, abutment or other permanent work obstructing or encroaching upon the channel of the Milwaukee river—but shall rest on water-tight scows or boxes to be confined to their places by piles with a convenient draw, double or single, not less than sixty-five feet in the clear, and so constructed as to admit the free passage of all water craft navigating said river without hindrance or delay. No pier, On boxes and draw 65 feet.

§ 4. The said bridge shall be kept in repair by the said Dousman and associates, three of whom shall be chosen as trustees to take charge of said bridge, by the subscribers to the same, and notice of the selection of said trustees shall be published in one of the newspapers in the town of Milwaukee; and whenever said trustees shall be changed, similar notice shall be given; and the said bridge shall at all times be attended so as to pass all water craft at all times free of expense and without delay. How kept in repair. Notice.

§ 5. That in case any damage shall happen to any person or persons, or their property, by means of the insufficiency of said bridge, or want of repair thereof, or from the improper attendance thereof, the party aggrieved may recover the amount of damage in an action against May recover damages.

the trustees of said bridge, or either of them, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

For injuring how punished. § 6. That if any person or persons shall wilfully and maliciously injure, damage or destroy said bridge, or any part thereof, such person or persons shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, in addition to the penalty provided in the statutes for such offences, and pay all damages consequent upon such offence over and above such forfeiture.

May be removed. § 7. Nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to prevent the district court of Milwaukee county, for good cause, from ordering said bridge to be removed; and this act may at any time be altered, amended or repealed.
APPROVED, January 22, 1844.

AN ACT to enable school districts to raise taxes.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

May raise money. Proviso. Not exceed one fourth of one per cent. What property liable. § 1. That if any town in this Territory shall neglect or refuse at their annual town meeting to raise money for the support of schools within the same, it shall be lawful for any school district within the limits of such town, at a meeting duly notified for that purpose to raise such sum of money for the support of schools as a majority of the legal voters of such district shall determine. *Provided*, that the sum so raised shall not exceed one fourth of one per cent and shall be appropriated for no other purpose than the pay of teachers who are duly qualified as the law requires. And provided further, that such tax shall be levied upon the annual town assessment roll of the property within the school district for the year in which the same shall be voted.

Two or more towns. § 2. When a district is composed of parts of two or more towns the school tax assessed by any one of said towns shall be distributed only to such inhabitants of said district as reside in the town that voted the assessment.

APPROVED, January 30, 1844.