

company, the maker of any such note, bond, or mortgage or other instrument in writing, may set up by answer as a defence thereto, that the same were obtained by fraud or false representation; and if, upon the trial of such action, the defence so set up shall be sustained, then the verdict of the jury, or the decision of the court therein, shall be for the defendant or defendants in said action.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect and be in force Take effect. from and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter seventy-three of the revised statutes, entitled "Of joint stock companies."

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

SECTION 1. Section two, of chapter seventy-three, How amended of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to include joint stock companies for the purpose of building and maintaining bridges across navigable streams between two counties.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from Take effect. and after its passage and publication.

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CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT relating to proceedings for the collection of demands against ships, boats and vessels, and to repeal chapter one hundred and fifty of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Every ship, boat or vessel, of the burthen Vessels liable of twenty tons or upwards, used in navigating the waters of this state, shall be liable for, and the following causes of action shall constitute, a lien on such ship, boat or vessel:

1. For all debts contracted by the master, owner, agent For what or consignee thereof, on account of supplies furnished for debts.