

and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 30, 1865.

## CHAPTER 256.

[Published May 18, 1865.]

AN ACT granting to Thomas Matthews and his associates the right to establish and maintain a ferry across the Wisconsin river, at a point near where the fourth principal meridian crosses said river.

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

Exclusive privilege, &c.

SECTION 1. Thomas Matthews, his associates, 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 Wisconsin river, at a point near where the fourth principal meridian crosses said river.

To maintain good boats, &c.

SECTION 2. The said Thomas Matthews, his associates or assigns, shall within ninety days 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, and shall at all times give ready and prompt attendance on passengers and teams on all occasions and at all hours of the day or night, but persons crossing the said ferry at night, may be charged double the fare hereinafter prescribed.

Where boats may land.

SECTION 3. The said corporation may land their boats, passengers and property on any public highway which now does or may hereafter terminate within the points above specified, or on any lands of any person or persons owning the same, they having first procured the permission of such owners so to do.

To file bond.

SECTION 4. The said Thomas Matthews, his associates or assigns, shall within ninety days after the passage of this act, file or cause to be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors of the county of Richland,

a bond to the said board, with two or more sureties, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that they will fulfill all the duties imposed upon them by this act, and in case of their failure so to do, they shall forfeit all the benefits that might accrue to them from its passage.

SECTION 5. 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 corporators shall forfeit a sum not exceeding ten dollars, to be recovered by and for the use of the said county, in a civil action, before any court having competent jurisdiction, and shall be further liable in like action for all damages any person may sustain by reason of the neglect of the aforesaid corporators to fulfill any of the duties imposed upon them by this act, or of any one in their employ.

Penalties for neglect to give prompt attendance, &c.

SECTION 6. The rates charged for crossing at said ferry shall not exceed the following rates, except to those crossing between the hours of 8 o'clock P. M. and 5 o'clock A. M., when double said rates may be charged: For each foot passenger, 10 cents; for each horse, mare or mule, with or without rider, 25 cents; for each two-horse or two-mule team, loaded or unloaded, with or without driver, 50 cents; for each single-horse carriage, with or without passengers, 35 cents; for each additional horse, mare, mule, ox or cow, 15 cents; for each swine or sheep, 3 cents; all freights of merchandise, or other articles not in teams, at the rate of ten 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 five cents per hundred weight, and fifty cents per thousand feet for lumber.

Rates of ferriage

SECTION 7. If the said corporators, their heirs or assigns, or any ferryman or other person employed by them, 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 corporators, their heirs or assigns, shall be liable to the party aggrieved in the sum of five dollars for every such act, and which may be recovered before any justice of the peace of this state, having by law jurisdiction over the same.

Penalty for exacting higher rates.

No other ferry  
to be maintained  
within points  
named.

SECTION 8. No ferry shall be granted within one mile either above or below said fourth principal meridian, and if any other person or persons shall, after the establishment of said ferry as aforesaid, set up or keep or maintain any ferry, or shall carry any person, goods or chattels for hire or pay, across the Wisconsin river, within the points above specified, every such person shall for every such offense, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid, by and for the use of any person entitled by law to sue for the same.

When boats need  
not run.

SECTION 9. The said corporators need not run their boat or boats when serious injury would result thereto by contact with the ice or otherwise.

Repeal.

SECTION 10. All acts and parts of acts heretofore passed, contravening the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 31, 1865.

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## CHAPTER 258.

[Published May 18, 1865.]

AN ACT to authorize Lyman Howe and John Roblin to erect and maintain a boom on the Wisconsin river, in Wood county.

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

Authority to  
build boom.

SECTION 1. Lyman Howe and John Roblin, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to erect and maintain such number of booms as may be necessary, with sufficient piers on either side and across, or partly across the Wisconsin river, on sections fifteen (15) and twenty-two (22,) in township twenty-one (21) north, of range five (5) east, in the county of Wood, for the purpose of stopping and securing logs, spars, square timber and other lumber: *provided*, the said parties shall at all times, when

Not to obstruct  
navigation.