ACTS

AND

LAWS,

PASSED BY THE

LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF VERMONT,

AT THEIR

SESSION AT MONTPELIER,

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good may require; and this act shall cease and determine, at the expiration of *thirty years* from the passing hereof. Expiration of the grant.

Passed Nov. 1, 1809.

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ATTEST. TH: LEVERETT, SEC'Y.

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CHAPTER LII.

AN ACT *granting a ferry to Edmund Knight.*

Sec. 1. IT *is hereby enacted by the general assembly of the state of Vermont*, That the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry, from the south point of North-Hero to the north point of Middle-Hero, be, and is hereby granted to Edmund Knight, his heirs and assigns, for the term of ten years, from and after the passing of this act. Grant of a ferry to Edm'd Knight.

Sec. 2. *And it is hereby further enacted*, That the said Edmund Knight, so soon as the ice shall be dissolved between the aforesaid points, in the spring of every year, shall have, and thereafter keep in good repair, and well manned, sufficient ferry-boats, for carrying passengers, horses, cattle, teams and carriages across said ferry, under such regulations as the magistrates, selectmen and constables of the towns of North-Hero and Middle-Hero shall make. And if the said Edmund Knight, his heirs and assigns, between the time of the dissolving of the ice in the spring, and the taking thereof in the fall, in any year, during the said term of ten years, shall be without such good and sufficient boats, for the space of ten days, then this act shall be null and void. To be provided with ferry-boats: Or penalty.

Sec. 3. *And it is hereby further enacted*, That if the said Edmund Knight, his heirs and assigns, during the time in which he is obliged to keep his boats as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to carry Penalty for refusing to carry passengers.

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any paſſenger, horſe, cattle, team or carriage acroſs ſaid ferry, within one hour after application is made, when the wind and weather will permit, they ſhall pay a fine not exceeding four dollars, to the treaſurer of the town, and pay all damages to the perſon or perſons who ſhall be injured by ſuch delay.

Selectmen, &c. of North and M. Hero to affix the rates of toll.

Sec. 4. *And it is hereby further enacted*, That it ſhall be the duty of the magiſtrates, ſelectmen and conſtables of North-Hero and Middle-Hero, to meet in ſuch place as they ſhall appoint, ſome time in the month of May next, and fix the rates of toll which may be taken at ſaid ferry, and once in each year after, if requeſted thereto in writing by the ſaid Edmund Knight, or more than three freeholders of the aforeſaid towns, they ſhall meet and fix the rates of toll as aforeſaid. And if the ſaid Edmund Knight, his heirs or aſſigns, ſhall take greater toll for paſſing ſaid ferry than ſhall be ſo fixed, from time to time, they ſhall pay to the perſon ſo injured, three-fold the ſum thus unlawfully taken, to be recovered by action on the caſe, before any competent authority, with coſt.

Penalty for taking exceſſive fees for ferriage.

For others' carrying paſſengers.

Sec. 5. *And it is hereby further enacted*, That if any perſon or perſons ſhall tranſport any traveller or travellers, or the horſe, cattle, team or carriage of ſuch traveller acroſs ſaid ferry, and ſhall receive any fee or reward for ſuch tranſportation, he or they they ſhall pay to the ſaid Edmund Knight one dollar for every ſuch act, to be recovered in an action on the caſe, before any competent authority, with coſt.

Paſſed Nov. 1, 1809.

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