

Acts and Laws passed by the Legislature of the State of Vermont

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.

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.

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 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.

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 cafe, before any competent authority, with cost.

Sec. 5. And it is hereby farther enacted, That if any person or persons shall transport any traveler or travelers, or the horse, cattle, team or carriage of such traveler 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 cafe, before any competent authority, with coil.

Passed Nov. 1, 1809.

A true copy. Attest. TH; LEVERETT, SECRETARY.

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