

## Immigration.

### CHAPTER 66.

**AN ACT** Creating the office of Commissioner of Immigration and for the Appointment of a Commissioner of Immigration for the Territory of Dakota.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota :*

§ 1. COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION.] The office of Commissioner of Immigration is hereby created and established.

§ 2. DUTIES—APPOINTMENT.] The duties of the said office shall be performed by a commissioner of Immigration, who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the council, for the term of two years from the date of his appointment, and shall serve during the said term of two years and until his successor is appointed and shall have qualified. The commissioner must be a resident of Dakota and shall possess the requisite qualifications required by law for holding office in the Territory.

§ 3. OATH AND BOND.] The person so appointed shall, upon his confirmation, proceed to qualify by subscribing the proper oath of office and depositing with the Secretary of the Territory his official bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, with such surety as the Secretary shall approve, conditioned for a faithful discharge of the duties of his office.

§ 4. FURTHER DUTIES] It shall be the duty of the commissioner to look after and devise means to advance the immigration interests of Dakota, and to encourage and promote the permanent settlement and improvement of all sections of the Territory. He shall have charge of the preparation in manuscript, the publication, and the distribution by mail and otherwise of any and all documents and articles of reading matter, designed to convey correct and full information on all matters pertaining to the growth and development of the agricultural, manufacturing, commercial and mining interests of the Territory of Dakota. He shall attend to all correspondence relating to immigration, and shall do all in his power by letter; by the use of published printed matter, and through personal efforts, to secure the most liberal and extensive advertisement of the resources and opportu-

nities of Dakota. It shall be his aim to induce the investment of capital in agriculture, in mining, and in different industrial and mercantile pursuits, and to facilitate the coming to Dakota of persons and families seeking permanent location for new homes. It shall be the duty of the commissioner to procure the most favorable rates of fare obtainable from railroad and other transportation companies, for persons coming to Dakota, and where such persons have formed a colony or party of considerable numbers, he shall be required to visit them, if necessary, and do all in his power to direct and assist them in making the necessary arrangements for transportation and in reaching Dakota.

§ 5. TO HAVE CHARGE OF EXHIBIT.] The commissioner shall have charge of any exhibit of the products and resources of Dakota which may be made at any fair or exhibition held at any point in the United States, and shall have authority to co-operate with any railroad company or companies doing business in the Territory, and with any other parties interested, with the view of securing such exhibit at any fair or exposition held as aforesaid.

§ 6. TERRITORIAL STATISTICIAN.] The commissioner shall and is hereby declared to be *ex-officio* territorial statistician. It shall be his duty to obtain from county assessors and other officers of the organized counties of the Territory, and to collate and prepare in tabulated form for reference, statistics showing county, township, and other municipal indebtedness of all kinds: the assessed valuation of real and personal property, the acreage in wheat, corn, and other kinds of grain: the number of cattle, horses, hogs, and other live stock, and the population, vital statistics, and all other information pertaining to and showing the condition, growth, and development of the Territory by counties.

§ 7. REPORT.] The commissioner shall make a report on the first day of each month, or at any time, upon the request of the Governor, showing the work done by his office, and shall make a biennial report to the Governor, at the regular session of the Legislative Assembly, showing the operations and affairs of his office in detail.

§ 8. GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE.] The commissioner may at any time during his term of office be removed from office by the Governor, on presentation of satisfactory evidence of his incompetency or failure to perform the duties of his office properly, and the Governor shall have power to fill the vacancy during the interim, for the balance of the unexpired term.

§ 9. SALARY.] The commissioner shall have an annual salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

§ 10. APPROPRIATION, OFFICE EXPENSE.] The sum of nine

hundred (900) dollars per annum shall be allowed the commissioner for clerk hire and other office expenses. For traveling expenses incurred while in the performance of the duties of his office embraced within the provisions of this act, the commissioner shall be allowed the sum of five hundred (500) dollars for each year of his term of office.

§ 11. APPROPRIATION—ADVERTISING.] To defray the expenses of the office of the commissioner incurred in the publication and distribution of advertising and reading matter, and documents of all kinds, and in any and every other manner contracted under the authority of this act for the purpose of carrying out its provisions, there shall be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds belonging to the Territory not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand (4,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the two years ending on the thirty-first day of December, 1886.

§ 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 11, 1885.

## Imprisonment.

### CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT to Amend Section 759 of the Penal Code, relating to Terms of Imprisonment.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Dakota :*

§ 1. TERM OF SENTENCE.] That the last sentence of section 759 of the Penal Code in the words following, to-wit: "But no person can in any case be sentenced to imprisonment in the territorial prison for any term less than one year" is hereby repealed, and said sentence is stricken out of said section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved, March 12, 1885.