

CHAPTER 78.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled "an Act to incorporate the Board of Trustees of the Congregational Church and Society of Burlington" Approved February 12th, 1844.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the Congregational Church and Society of Burlington, Iowa, are hereby authorized to hold estate, real, personal, and mixed, to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars.

Title.  
Congrega-  
tional Church  
Limits.

SEC. 2. That the Trustees of said Church and Society shall, subject to the ratification of the Church and Society, have power to sell, convey and lease pews and other property of the Society, and to reserve in the deeds of sale of said pews, the right of assigning any or all pews each year for the support of such Church and Society, and to provide by reasonable rules, or by laws for the forfeiture of pews for non-payment of such assessments.

May rent  
pews.

SEC. 3. This Act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect, from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, and Burlington Hawk-Eye, the same to be published at no expense to the State.

Publication.

Approved March 30th, 1866.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register, April 13th, 1866, and in the Burlington Hawk-eye — — 1866.

JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 79.

SETTLEMENT WITH U. S.

AN ACT providing for the adjustment of certain land claims with the General Government.

WHEREAS, The excess of land certified to the State over and above the amount it was entitled to receive under the Act of Congress of September 4, 1841, known as the 500,000 acre grant, has not been re-con-

500,000 acres.

veyed nor satisfaction therefor rendered to the General Government; and

Acts. WHEREAS, The lands falling to the State, under the Joint Resolutions of Congress of March 3d, 1861, entitled "Joint Resolutions to quiet titles in the State of Iowa," and under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act confirming a land claim in the State of Iowa and for other purposes," approved July 12th, 1862, have not yet been certified or approved to the State; and

Unsettled. WHEREAS, The claims of the State against the United States, arising under the Swamp Land Grant, remain to a very great extent in an unsettled and unsatisfactory condition; and

WHEREAS, The interests of the State, and her grantees demand a speedy settlement of all said matters; therefore

J. A. Harvey. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That Josiah A. Harvey, Register of the State Land Office be, and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner on behalf of the State of Iowa, to adjust with the General Government all the matters and claims aforesaid.

Early settle-  
ment. SEC. 2. Said Commissioner shall proceed to Washington City, and present said claims to the Department of the Interior, and urge the same to settlement as early and as speedily as may be consistent with the interest of the State, and he is hereby authorized to adjust the said excess of the 500,000 acre grant, by permitting the United States to retain out of the indemnity land falling to the State under said Act of Congress of July 12th, 1862, an amount equivalent to such excess, *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to be a relinquishment of the claim of the State under the said 500,000 acre grant to the 12813 51-100 acres selected as a part of such grant, and subsequently rejected from a supposed conflict with the Act of Congress approved August 8th, 1846, known as the Des Moines River Grant, and the said Commissioner is hereby

Proviso. instructed to secure a restoration of said selections as a part of the 500,000 acre grant, and a confirmation of the title of the State thereto, as a part of such grant.

Instructions. SEC. 3. As soon as the claim or claims, or matters of difference, under any one of said acts, shall be adjusted, said Commissioner shall report the same to the Census Board, setting forth the terms and mode of adjustment, and said Board shall examine and pass upon said adjustment, so presented, and the approval of a majority of said Board shall make the settlement

Census Board

Approval.

of said matters, or claims final and binding upon the State of Iowa. Such approval shall be in writing signed by the members of said Board, agreeing thereto, and attested by the great seal of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 4. Said Commissioner shall receive as his compensation two dollars per day for the time actually engaged in the discharge of the duties by this Act imposed, with his necessary expenses in attending to the same, and his account for such time and expenses made out from time to time, or at the conclusion of his services as such Commissioner, and sworn to by him, shall be presented to the Census Board for allowance and if approved and allowed by them, the Auditor of State shall draw his warrant on the State Treasurer, who shall pay the same out of the General Revenue of the State.

Expenses.

How paid.

SEC. 5. The amount of expenses incurred and paid out of the Treasury, as provided in the preceding section, in carrying out the provision of this Act, shall be approved by the Census Board, as nearly as practicable, *pro rata*, among the parties receiving, or entitled to receive, the benefits resulting from the adjustment of said several matters with the General Government, and the amount thus apportioned shall be paid into the State Treasury by such parties respectively before they shall be entitled to receive the proceeds or benefits of such settlement.

Apportioned.

SEC. 6. All indemnity scrip received from the General Government and all swamp lands patented to the State shall be conveyed to the counties to which they belong, and all money and indemnity scrip received from the Government shall be placed under the control of the Board of Supervisors of the several counties to which they belong, leaving the counties thereof through their respective Boards of Supervisors to settle with their grantees.

Scrip and lands conveyed to counties.

Supervisors to control.

SEC. 7. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Iowa Homestead, newspapers published at Des Moines.

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JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.