

WHEREAS, Doubts have arisen as to the validity of said contract; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the sale of said land to said Richardson is hereby legalized and made valid, and the proper authorities are hereby authorized and empowered to issue a patent of said real estate to said James C. Richardson, or his assigns, upon payment of the contract price therefor. Sale of land legalized, and patent to be issued

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of importance, shall be in force and effect from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, a newspaper published at Des Moines, Iowa, and the Cherokee Times, a newspaper published at Cherokee, Iowa, without expense to the state. Publication

Approved, February 19, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Iowa State Register*, February 26, and in the *Cherokee Times*, February 28, 1878.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 8.

TOWN OF SHELDON.

AN ACT to Legalize the incorporation of the Town of Sheldon and its Ordinances and the acts of its Officers thereunder. H. F. 204.

WHEREAS, The inhabitants of the town of Sheldon, in O'Brien county, Iowa, did on the 25th day of March, 1876, by a large majority vote in favor of incorporating said town; and Preamble

WHEREAS, All the requirements of law in regard to said incorporation have been complied with except that the original petition which was signed by more than thirty of the electors of said town, was presented to the clerk of the circuit court of O'Brien county instead of the circuit judge, which said clerk appointed the five commissioners and acted in place of the circuit judge in regard to said incorporation, although the proceedings of said incorporation of the town of Sheldon were read in open court in the April term of the said O'Brien county circuit court and approved by the judge thereof; and

WHEREAS, The council of said town of Sheldon did make and adopt laws, rules and ordinances for the government of the said town of Sheldon; and

WHEREAS, A certain number of ordinances of said town of Sheldon were passed by the council of said town by the suspension of the rules, and when three-fourths of the entire council were not present, although a majority of said council were present and voted upon the passage of said ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Doubts exist as to the legality of such incorporation, and the official acts of said council and officers of said town

and of the validity of certain ordinances as aforesaid; therefore,
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Incorporation, and acts of officers thereunder legalized.

SECTION 1. That the incorporation of said town of Sheldon be, and the same is hereby legalized, and all the ordinances passed, and all the rules and regulations adopted by the council of said town, and all the official acts of the officers be, and the same are hereby declared to be, legal and valid in every respect, as fully and completely as if the law had been strictly complied with as provided in chapter 10, of the Code.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in full force on and after its publication in the Iowa State Register, published in Des Moines, and the Sheldon Mail, a newspaper published in Sheldon, Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved, February 19, 1878.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the *Sheldon Mail* March 1, 1878. JOSIAH T. YOUNG, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 9.

OFFICERS OF INCORPORATED TOWNS.

H. F. 75.

AN ACT to Repeal Sections 511 and 512, Chapter 10, Title IV., of the Code, and to enact Substitutes therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Code, §§ 511 and 512 repealed.

SECTION 1. That sections 511 and 512 of the Code, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following enacted as substitutes therefor:

Officers of.

Section 511. The corporate authority of incorporated towns organized for general purposes shall be vested in one mayor, one recorder, and six trustees, to be elected by the people, who shall be qualified electors residing within the limits of the corporation, and who shall constitute the council of the incorporated town, any five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The mayor and recorder shall hold their offices for one year, and the trustees shall hold their offices for three years. At the first election after this law is in force six trustees shall be elected, two of whom shall serve for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, to be determined by lot at the first meeting of the council after the trustees are qualified, and thereafter two trustees shall be elected annually.

Duties of mayor and recorder.

Sec. 512. The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council, and in the absence of the mayor the council shall elect one of their number to preside *pro tempore*. The recorder shall be clerk of the corporation and shall attend all meetings of the council, and shall make a fair and accurate record of all proceed-