

[Chap. 68.]

AN ACT to authorize Harriet Knapp to sell and convey the interest of Nathaniel Knapp, deceased, in the half breed lands, in Lee county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa, That Harriet Knapp, widow of Nathaniel Knapp, deceased, be and she is hereby authorized to sell and convey all the interest of the said Nathaniel Knapp, in the lands in Lee county, commonly known as the half breed reservation, of the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians.*

Appraisal.

SEC. 2. Before said Harriet Knapp proceeds to sell any interest in said lands above mentioned, she shall cause to be appointed by the board of county commissioners, three suitable persons, householders of the county of Lee, as commissioners, who, after being duly sworn by some justice of the peace, faithfully to discharge their duties, shall proceed to appraise the interest of the said Nathaniel Knapp in the half breed lands above mentioned.

Not to sell for less than appraisal.

SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall report to the judge of probate in Lee county, the value of the interest of the said Knapp, deceased, in the above mentioned lands, and said Harriet Knapp shall not be allowed to sell any share or undivided interest in said half breed tract of land for a less sum than its appraised value, as set forth in the report of the commissioners.

Bond.

SEC. 4. After the report of the commissioners is received by the judge of probate, and before the said Harriet Knapp proceeds to make any sales, she shall enter into bonds with three or more sufficient securities, to be approved by the judge of probate, payable to the United States, in a penal sum of double the appraised value of the interest to be sold, conditioned for the faithful performance of her duty agreeable to the provisions of this act.

Terms of sale

SEC. 5. Said interest may be sold on a credit of not more than two years, and a lien shall in all cases be reserved upon said land for the purchase money.

Proceeds to be vested.

SEC. 6. The above mentioned Harriet Knapp, shall vest the proceeds of the sales of the interest by her sold in any real property in this territory, except half breed lands, and deeds for any land by her purchased under the provisions of this act, shall be taken in the name of the heirs of Nathaniel Knapp, deceased, and all real property so conveyed shall be subject to the debts of the said Nathaniel

Knapp, deceased, and shall be dealt with in all cases as if the same had regularly descended from the said Knapp, deceased, to his heirs.

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[Chap. 69.]

AN ACT to remove and relocate the county seat of Lee county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That George Gallaher, of Des Moines county, and James L. Scott, of Jefferson county, and Samuel C. Reed, of Van Buren county, are hereby appointed commissioners to relocate the county seat of the county of Lee, whose duty it shall be to meet at Fort Madison, in said county, on the first Monday of March next, and they or a majority of them shall proceed forthwith to select a suitable place for said county seat, as near the geographical centre as a suitable site can be obtained.

SEC. 2. Said commissioners, or a majority of them, immediately after they have selected a suitable place for the same, shall commit their proceedings to writing, describing the place they have selected, together with the quarter section, township and range, together with any deed or deeds for any lands, and also any bond or bonds for the payment of money or for the building of any public buildings, and shall send them all to the clerk of the district court of said county.

SEC. 3. Said commissioners shall each of them take and subscribe the following oath, before some person authorized to administer the same, viz: I, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am not either directly or indirectly interested in the relocation or removal of the county seat of Lee county, and that I have no property, either in claims or lands, in said county, and that I will proceed to select a suitable place for the same according to my abilities and the law for relocating the same, so help me God.

SEC. 4. If it shall be shown at any time within two years that either of said commissioners were interested, or received any gratuity or reward, or any promise of anything, such commissioner or commissioners shall be liable to indictment for perjury, and be liable to the penalty for said crime.