

Secretary of Territory to open and count returns in presence of the Governor.

Governor to issue proclamation.

Time of opening returns.

after their reception, (without breaking the seals,) to transmit them safely to the Secretary of the Territory of Iowa, who, in the presence of the Governor, shall break the seals of said returns, and examine and count the same, and then carefully file them in his office, and the Governor shall issue his proclamation declaring the number of votes given for and against the convention.

SEC. 7. The opening and examination of the said returns shall take place on the first Monday of November, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty.

APPROVED, July 31, 1840.

[Chap. 34.]

AN ACT to grant certain lots of land in Iowa City, for Church and Literary purposes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa,* That in consideration of the conditions hereinafter provided, that any religious denomination of Christians now known as such in the United States, shall be entitled to one half of any lot of land contained in either of the blocks numbered thirteen, fifty-one, sixty-six or sixty-seven, of the town plat of Iowa city, and designated as church reserves, each of said reserves being divided by a line north and south, or parallel with the eastern and western boundary of said town plat.

Lots granted for churches.

Denominations making application.

To enter into bonds.

Commissioner to give certificate.

SEC. 2. That in case any denomination of christians, included in the first section of this act, shall make application to the acting commissioner of public buildings at Iowa city for either of the lots or parcels of land designated in the said first section, and shall enter into good and sufficient bonds, to be approved by the acting commissioner and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Territory, conditioned that they will erect and finish on said lot a meeting house or place of public worship within three years from the passage of this act, the aggregate cost of which, when finished, shall not be less than one thousand dollars, and upon the fulfilment of the conditions of said bond, then the said commissioner shall give to said denomination, or their authorized agent or agents, an official certificate of their claim to said lot of ground, and on the presen-

tation of said certificate to the Secretary of the Territory it shall be the duty of said Secretary to file the same in his office and make out and deliver to said authorized agent or agents a deed of conveyance of the premises described in said certificate, in accordance with the rules and discipline of said denomination, which deed shall be executed as other deeds of conveyance to lots sold in said city and shall be of equal force and validity; *Provided*, That the deed of conveyance from the Secretary of the Territory shall contain a clause requiring that the lot so donated shall be occupied and used for religious and literary purposes alone, according to the discipline and regulations of the respective denominations: *And provided further*, That any denomination of christians included in the first section of this act, who shall first comply with the conditions herein contained shall be entitled to the choice of said lots.

Secretary to  
make deed of  
conveyance.

Proviso.

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SEC. 3. This act to take effect from and after its passage.

APPROVED, July 31, 1840.

[Chap. 35.]

AN ACT to prevent the exercise of foreign jurisdiction within the limits of the Territory of Iowa.

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa*, That if any person shall exercise, or attempt to exercise, any official functions, or shall officiate in any office or situation within any part of the present jurisdiction of this Territory, or within the limits of any of the counties therein as at this time organized, by virtue of any commission or authority not derived from this Territory or under the laws of this Territory, or under the government of the United States, every person so offending shall, for every such offence, on conviction thereof before any court of record, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor not exceeding five years, or both at the discretion of the court.

Exercise of  
foreign juris-  
diction how  
punished.

SEC. 2. That if any person residing within the limits of this Territory shall accept of any office or trust from any state or authority other than the government of the United States or the Territory of Iowa, every person so offending shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisoned five

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