

the time intervening from February 16, 1853, to the present time. Therefore, this act being for the purpose of authorizing and enabling the secretary of state to issue to said George W. Scribner and Deborah Scribner, jointly, a patent to the land above described.

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

1 SECTION 1. Patent authorized. That William S. Allen, secretary
2 of state, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue to George
3 W. Scribner and Deborah Scribner, a patent to the southeast quarter
4 ($\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of section nine (9), township
5 seventy-three (73), range sixteen (16), west, said patent to be issued
6 for the purpose of correcting an error or omission of the impression of
7 seal of the state of Iowa, on the patent issued of date, February 16,
8 1853, to one Elijah Quillen, covering said land; but in which instru-
9 ment there is no evidence to indicate that the seal of the state of Iowa
10 had ever been impressed on the patent so issued. That when said
11 patent shall have been issued, the same shall have the same force and
12 effect in law and in equity as if issued in correct and proper form as
13 of date February 16, 1853.

1 SEC. 2. Pending litigation. This act shall not affect any pend-
2 ing litigation.

Approved March 16, A. D. 1915.

CHAPTER 36.

TOWN OF MELCHER.

H. F. 146.

AN ACT to legalize the incorporation of the town of Melcher, Marion county, Iowa, the election of its officers and all acts done and ordinances passed by the town council of said town.

WHEREAS, the electors of the territory in Marion county, Iowa, known as Melcher, proposed to incorporate what is termed the incorporated town of Melcher, in Marion county, Iowa, by submitting the proposition to incorporate said town to the qualified electors residing on such territory; and,

WHEREAS, the proposition so proposed to incorporate the town of Melcher, was carried by a majority of the voters residing thereon, voting thereat and voting therefor; and,

WHEREAS, by an oversight or misunderstanding of the law with reference thereto, the proposition so submitted to incorporate said town was not published in a newspaper as by law required, and the matter of publishing the notice as by law required was omitted by oversight, and by reason or misunderstanding of the law with reference thereto, and,

WHEREAS, after election was had to incorporate said town of Melcher, election was had for the purpose of electing officers for such proposed incorporated town; and,

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of the incorporation of said town of Melcher by reason of the failure to take legal steps with reference to publishing and posting notice as by law required; and

WHEREAS, doubt has arisen as to the legality of the acts of the mayor and the town council and other officers of said town of Melcher.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Ordinances, etc., legalized.** That the incorporation
2 of the town of Melcher, Marion county, Iowa, the election of its officers
3 and all acts done and the ordinances and resolutions passed by the
4 town council of said town, not in contravention of the laws of the
5 state, are hereby legalized and the same are hereby declared to be valid
6 and binding the same as though the law had been, in all respects,
7 strictly complied with in the incorporation of said town, the election of
8 its officers, and all official acts done, and the passage of its ordinances
9 and resolutions, provided that nothing in this act shall in any wise
10 affect pending litigation.

1 **SEC. 2. Publication clause.** This act being deemed of immediate
2 importance shall be in force and effect from and after its publication
3 in the Des Moines Capital, a newspaper published in Des Moines,
4 Iowa, and in the Melcher Union, a newspaper published in Melcher,
5 Iowa, without expense to the state.

Approved March 16, A. D. 1915.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Des Moines Capital March 18, 1915 and in the Melcher Union March 25, 1915.

W. S. ALLEN, *Secretary of State.*

CHAPTER 37.

CITY OF ONAWA.

H. F. 412.

AN ACT to legalize certain warrants of the city of Onawa, Iowa.

WHEREAS, the city of Onawa, in the county of Monona, state of Iowa, did hitherto make certain expenditures in the amount of five thousand and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), and did issue warrants in the sum of five thousand and nineteen dollars (\$5,019.00), to evidence the indebtedness incurred in making said expenditures, said warrants consisting of warrants drawn on the general fund, the electric light fund, and the road fund; those drawn on the general fund being warrants No. 10, dated Nov. 7, 1911, Nos. 27 and 29, dated March 4th, 1912, Nos. 33, 34, 38, and 43 to 56, both numbers inclusive, and 58 to 68, both numbers inclusive, dated April 1st, 1912, No. 246 dated March 2, 1914, Nos. 249, 255, 260, 262, 270