

this Act, or in the Act to which this is supplemental, shall be conveyed to said Railroad company until all of said warrants shall have been paid.

SEC. 6. When the funds for the redemption of said warrants shall be received by the State Treasurer, he shall give notice thereof in the manner now required to be given for the redemption of outstanding warrants. Treasurer to redeem said warrants—how.

SEC. 7. That after the lands mentioned in section 4 of the Act to which this Act is supplemental, shall have been offered for sale, under the provisions of said Act, for the space of three months and remain unsold, it shall be competent for the Register of the State Land Office with the advice and approval of the Census Board, to sell such lands at a less price per acre, if by said Board deemed advisable, provided the said lands should not be sold at a price less than \$1.25 per acre, and provided said Register shall first give thirty days' notice by publication in the State Register, and the Iowa North-West, of the time of said sale, at such reduced price. Register may sell at a less price—when. Shall not be sold for less than \$1.25 per acre. Register give notice of sale.

SEC. 8. All persons who may at the date of the passage of this Act be in actual occupation and possession of any portion of said lands, shall have a prior right to purchase the same at \$2.50 per acre, not exceeding 160 acres to any one settler. Prior right to buy.

SEC. 9. This Act being deemed of immediate importance by the General Assembly, shall take effect, and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Iowa Homestead, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa. Publication.

Approved March 12th, 1866.

I hereby certify the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa State Register, March —, 1866, and in the Iowa Homestead, March 21, 1866.

JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

## CHAPTER 23.

### ELIAS TOPLIFF'S OFFICIAL ACTS LEGALIZED.

AN ACT to legalize certain official acts of Elias Topliff, late School Fund Commissioner of Alamakee county, and for the relief of the Administrators of the estate of said Topliff and of their grantees.

Whereas, On the 30th day of April, A. D. 1852,

Preamble. Elias Topliff, then being School Fund Commissioner of Alamakee county, contracted with and sold to Elias Topliff certain lands, being a part of the 500,000 acres granted and selected as school lands; and

*Whereas*, The said Topliff paid the interest upon said contracts to the time of his death; and

*Whereas*, Since his death said administrators have paid the full amount due upon each of said contracts, as fully appears by the certificates of the Clerk of the District Court of said county; and

*Whereas*, The Register of the State Land office entertains doubts as to the authority of said Topliff, as such School Fund Commissioner, to sell said lands to himself as aforesaid. Therefore,

Certain acts declared valid.

Governor and Register required to convey certain school lands, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the aforesaid official acts of Elias Topliff, late School Fund Commissioner of Alamakee county, are, and that the same are hereby made and declared legal and valid, and that the Governor and the Register of the State Land office are authorized and required to convey, by patent, to the administrators or to the assignees of said Topliff, the aforesaid school lands, upon presentation to said Register of a certificate of the Clerk of the District Court of the proper county, certifying that the principal and the interest accruing thereon has been paid in full by said assignees or administrators.

Approved March 9th, 1866.

## CHAPTER 24.

### EARNINGS OF MARRIED WOMEN.

#### AN ACT to protect the earnings of Married Women.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the separate earnings of any married woman, whose husband, through idleness, intemperance, mental or bodily infirmity, imprisonment or involuntary absence, does not support and provide for the family, or who has deserted his wife, shall be held and possessed by her, in her own right, exempt from liability for the debts of her husband, and from any right or claim thereto set up by him, adverse to that of the wife; but such earnings are liable for the

Separate earnings of the wife exempt—when. Not support the family. Not liable for husband's debts.

When liable.