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JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 72.

LEGALIZING THE RECORD OF CERTAIN DEEDS.

AN ACT to legalize the record of certain deeds and conveyances in Lee county, and to provide for the recording at Fort Madison, of all such instruments affecting lands in those parts of T. 67, N. R. 4, W., and the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of T. 67, N. R. 5, W., which are upon the Half Breed Tract.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the record of all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, and all other instruments of writing required under the law to be recorded, and which have been heretofore recorded in the Recorder's office at Fort Madison, affecting real estate upon those portions of the Half Breed Tract in Lee county which are in T. 67, N. R. 4, W., and the east half of T. 67, N. R. 5, W., being all thereof that is east of the section line running north and south between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, T. 67, N. R. 5, W., be and the same are hereby legalized and declared valid, and shall be considered and deemed by all Courts of this State legal and effectual as though the same had been in compliance with the provisions of law.

SEC. 2. That all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, and other instruments in writing, affecting any real estate situated upon any portion of said Half Breed Tract, described in Section 1st of this Act, which have been heretofore recorded in the Recorder's office at Fort Madison, shall be considered and taken as having been sufficiently recorded, and the record thereof as aforesaid shall be considered such notice as the legal recording of such instruments imports, under the laws of Iowa, and all duly certified copies of such records shall

be admitted in evidence in all Courts of this State, as though no question of the legality of such record has or does exist. Copies, how received by the Courts.

SEC. 3. That hereafter, all deeds, conveyances, mortgages, and other instruments in writing, affecting any lands upon any of said portions of the Half Breed Tract, described in the 1st section of this Act, namely: T. 67, N. R. 4, W., and the east half of T. 67, N. R. 5, W., being all thereof that is east of the section line running north and south between sections 3 and 4, 9 and 10, 15 and 16, 21 and 22, 27 and 28, 33 and 34, T. 67, N. R. 5, W., shall be filed and recorded in the Recorder's office in Fort Madison. Such deeds, &c., hereafter Description. Where filed and recorded.

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CHAPTER 73.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

AN ACT providing for the completion of the Geological Survey of the State of Iowa.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That for the purpose of completing the Geological Survey of the State, Charles A. White, of Johnson county, is hereby appointed State Geologist, and shall hold his office for the term of two years, or until his successor is appointed. C. A. White appointed State Geologist. Term of office.

SEC. 2. The State Geologist shall be authorized to appoint a competent assistant and also a skillful analytical and experimental Chemist, who shall report to the State Geologist the analysis of such soils, rocks, coals, oars and other mineral substances, as he may submit to him for that purpose. He shall also have power to employ such further assistance as he may deem necessary to prosecute promptly and efficiently the field work connected with the Survey. All persons employed by him shall be under his direction, and subject to removal by him. All the specimens of minerals, fossils, rocks, soils, coals, ores or other geological or mineral substances of any value or interest to either the practical or amateur geologist, and any drawings or sketches of the same obtained or made by said State Geologist, as well as the copy-right of the reports and all books printed therefrom, shall belong to the State, and no specimen May appoint Assistant and Chemist—duties of. Further assistance. Specimens, drawings, copy-right of reports, books, &c., to belong to the State—shall not be disposed of.