

SEC. 6. Board of trustees to execute all instruments of writing, etc. All deeds or other instruments of writing, or conveyance, shall be made by order of the board of trustees, sealed with the seal of the corporation, signed and acknowledged by the president in his official capacity, in order to render them good and valid in law.

SEC. 7. Power to repeal reserved. That the Legislature shall have power, at any time, to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

SEC. 8. When to take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved December 31, 1840.

[19] CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT supplementary to an act for the benefit of settlers, etc., on the Half Breed lands, approved December 6, 1839.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Each settler authorized to select one section of land—proviso—ib. That it shall be lawful for any settler on the Half Breed lands, to select not to exceed one section of land in said tract, a part of which may be prairie and a part timber: Provided, he has an interest in or a title to said land, by paying a tax on the same: And provided further, That he shall not, in his selection, interfere with the claim of any other settler on said land.

SEC. 2. Settler to consult his convenience as to amount inclosed—receipts for taxes evidence of title. And in order that the settler may hold his claim peaceably, quietly and undisturbed, until the perfect title is ascertained and settled by the due course of law, it shall not be deemed necessary for him to enclose more of said land than may suit his convenience; and his receipt for taxes, from the proper officers, shall be regarded as sufficient evidence of title and ownership as to authorize him to commence and sustain his action for any wrongs or trespasses committed upon his claim, as set forth in the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. Proviso. Provided, however, That if any settler shall neglect or refuse to pay the tax on his claim for one year, then and in that case his title shall not be regarded further than his improvements and possession extend.

SEC. 4. Of actions to be commenced under this act. All actions commenced under the provisions of this act, shall be by action of forcible entry and detainer, or by action of trespass, as the case may require.

SEC. 5. When to take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved December 31, 1840.

CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT to district the county of Linn for the election of county commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Duty of county commissioners—county to be districted in proportion to population—classification of districts. That the board of county