

number twenty, in the same township and range; and whereas the said Robert Cummings, at the time of his death was an alien, and a subject of the kingdom of Great Britain, and died leaving a widow, Isabella Cummings, and no heirs of his body; and whereas, by the constitution and laws of this state, said real estate escheats to the school fund of this state to the injury of the said Isabella Cummings—therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Title of state relinquished. That all the right, title, interest, claim and demand of the state, or of the superintendent of public instruction, or of the school fund of the state, in and to the said real estate, be forever released, and conveyed to said Isabella Cummings, widow of the said Robert Cummings, and to her heirs, as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted,

Limitations. That the right of title hereby relinquished to said widow, shall not, in any way or manner enure to or vest in any prior purchaser, their heirs and assigns, by any contract made with said widow prior to the taking effect of this act; nor shall the same enure to any purchaser, their heirs or assigns, under any executor or administrator's sale, nor under any judicial sale, made prior to the taking effect of this act; but the title hereby relinquished shall vest in said widow, for her sole and separate use, unincumbered or affected by any incumbrance or lien prior to the taking effect of this act.

Approved, January 22d, 1853.

CHAPTER 52.

WEBSTER COUNTY.

AN ACT to create the county of Webster.

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

SECTION 1. Counties united—name. That the counties of Yell and Risley, be and the [88] same are hereby united into one county, to be called "Webster."

SEC. 2. Take effect. This act to take effect from and after its publication in the Iowa Star; provided the state shall incur no expense for such publication.

Approved, January 22d, 1854.

CHAPTER 53.

DECATUR COUNTY.

AN ACT to locate the seat of justice of Decatur county.

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

SECTION 1. Vote to decide—time of election—points—centre—majority—second vote—time—permanent seat of justice—deed. That the legal voters of Decatur county, may vote on the first Monday of April next, for the following points, to-wit; for either of the situations where locations have been selected,