

of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, and the northeast quarter and the east half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, in township seventy-five, north of range forty-four west, in said State of Iowa, in trust for the several use and benefit of the occupants thereof, according to their respective interests; the execution of which trust, as to the disposal of said land and the proceeds of the sales thereof, to be conducted under such rules and regulations as are prescribed by the legislative assembly of the State of Iowa in an act entitled "An act regulating the disposal of lands purchased in trust for town sites," approved January twenty-two, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, or as may hereafter be prescribed by the legislative assembly of said State of Iowa: *Provided*, That any act of said judge, not in conformity to the rules and regulations herein alluded to, shall be void and of none effect: *And provided also*, That nothing herein contained shall affect pre-emption or other rights that may have accrued under any other act of Congress.

Execution of the above power.

Proviso.

Entry to be made in twelve months; patent to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the entry contemplated in this act shall be made within twelve months from the date of the passage hereof, and a patent shall issue for said land as in other cases.

APPROVED, April 6, 1854.

April 12, 1854. CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to establish additional Land Districts in the Territory of Minnesota.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the sale of the public lands to which the Indian title has been extinguished by the recent treaties, or which may hereafter be extinguished within their limits in the Minnesota Territory west of the Mississippi River, there is hereby created four additional land districts, bounded as follows, to wit: All that portion situated between the northern boundary of the State of Iowa, and the line which divides townships one hundred and five and one hundred and six of the fifth principal meridian, and extending from the Mississippi to the Big Sioux rivers, shall comprise one of said districts, to be called the Root River District. All that portion lying between the township line last mentioned, and the line dividing townships one hundred and ten, and one hundred and eleven, and between said rivers, shall constitute another of said districts, to be called the Winona District. All that portion situated north of the district last mentioned, and south of the line which divides townships one hundred and fifteen, and one hundred and sixteen, and between the rivers above mentioned, except the townships recently surveyed west of the Mississippi River from the fourth principal meridian, to include the reservation at Fort Snelling, (the whole of which townships shall be attached to and constitute a part of the Minneapolis District,) shall constitute a third district to be designated the Red Wing District; and all that portion situated north of the limits last described, south of the line dividing townships one hundred and twenty and one hundred and twenty-one, between the Mississippi River and the treaty line which runs from the Big Sioux River to Lake Travers, together with all the fractional townships one hundred and twenty-one situated east of the range line dividing ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west, shall comprise the fourth district, to be known as the Minneapolis District. And all the residuary portion of said lands situated north of the line which divides townships one hundred and twenty and one hundred and twenty-one, and west of range twenty-four west of the fifth principal meridian, and west of the Mississippi River, extending to the drift-wood and the Red River of the north, shall be, and is hereby attached to the district of lands subject to sale at Sauk Rapids.

Four additional land districts created for sale of public lands.

Root River district.

Winona district.

Red Wing district.

Minneapolis district.

Lands subject to sale at Sauk Rapids.

President to appoint a register and receiver for each district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and receiver of the public moneys for each of the said new districts hereby created, who shall re-

spectively be required to reside at the site of their offices, and who shall have the same powers, perform the same duties, and be entitled to the same compensation, as are or may be prescribed by law in relation to other land officers of the United States.

Powers, duties and compensation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is authorized to cause the public lands in said districts, with the exception of such as have been or may be reserved for other purposes, to be exposed to sale in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as the other public lands of the United States.

Public lands in said districts, except, &c., to be exposed to sale.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is hereby authorized to designate the location of the offices for said new districts, and change the same whenever in his opinion the public good shall require it.

President authorized to remove said land offices.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act establishing a Land-Office in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.*

April 20, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all those parts or portions of the lower peninsula of the State of Michigan which is situated north of the line which divides townships twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) and all the portion of the upper peninsula which lies south of the line dividing townships forty-one (41) and forty-two (42) and west of range twelve (12) west, together with all the islands in Green Bay, the straits of Mackinac, and Lakes Huron and Michigan, which are situated north of the township line first herein mentioned, and within the limits of said State exclusive of Drummond's Island and its islets, be, and the same is hereby, included in a land district to be called the Cheboygan Land District; and for the sale of the lands in said district there shall be a land-office established at such point therein as the President shall select.

Land district created for sale of public lands.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint one register and one receiver for the land office in said district, who shall reside at the place designated for the land office, receive such compensation, give security and discharge all duties pertaining to such office, as are prescribed by law.

Cheboygan district. President shall establish a land-office therein.

President to appoint a register and receiver in said district. Powers, duties and compensation.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to authorize the School Commissioners of fractional Township Number One, of range Number Ten East, in Alabama, to locate One half Section of Land for School Purposes.*

April 20, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the school commissioners of fractional township number one, of range number ten east, situated in the district of land subject to sale at Lebanon, Alabama, be, and is hereby authorized to enter, free of charge, in lieu of the lands to which they are entitled by any existing law, one half section of land in legal subdivision, anywhere in said township, with a view to the ultimate convenience of the citizens of said township, and the quality of soil for school purposes, and said lands thus located shall be governed by the same laws, rules, and regulations, as is the school sixteenth section in said State of Alabama.

Authorized to enter certain land.

Where located.

How governed. 1819, ch. 47.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said school commissioners to locate and report, within two years, what lands they have entered, to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, and it shall be his duty, upon the receipt of such report of location, to withdraw from sale the said lands, and the title thereto shall be valid as in sixteenth sections heretofore granted in the new States.

To be located and report made within two years.

Withdrawn from sale of public lands.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.