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CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to appropriate certain islands for the purposes therein named.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

Islands appropriated.

SECTION 1. All the islands within the Mississippi river and its sloughs, remaining unsold, and lying in township number fourteen (14) north, of range seven (7) and eight (8) west, and in township sixteen (16) and seventeen (16 and 17) north, of range eight (8) west, in the La Crosse land district, are hereby appropriated to C. W. Marshall, W. H. Tucker, and E. D. Campbell, in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned.

Trustees.

Their duties.

SEC. 2. The said trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey said islands, or any part thereof, for the purpose of erecting a bridge over the La Crosse River at any eligible point on section thirty-one (31), township number sixteen (16) north, of range seven (7), or for making the approaches to a bridge from the high banks of the prairie or original plat of the village of La Crosse, and to execute to the purchaser or purchasers of said islands, or any part thereof, good, ample, and sufficient deeds of conveyance in fee simple thereof, and to apply the proceeds received therefor in aid of the erection of such bridge, the approaches as aforesaid: *Provided*, no part of such islands shall be sold for a less amount than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and *provided, further*, that no part of the proceeds of such sale shall be applied as aforesaid, until the sum of five hundred dollars shall have been expended toward the construction of such bridge or approaches by James W. Polleys, William Hood, and Thomas Spence, hereby called the La Crosse bridge company.

Proviso.

Proceeds how expended.

SEC. 3. When said five hundred dollars shall have been so expended, then the said equal amount of five hundred dollars shall be applied from the sale of such lands; and for every additional two hundred dollars actually expended by the before mentioned parties, as provided by this act, there shall be an equal amount applied from the proceeds of the sale of said lands to said parties.

Governor to execute a trust deed.

SEC. 4. Whenever it shall be proven to the governor of the state that a sum not less than five hundred dollars has been actually expended towards the erection of such bridge or approaches, the governor of the state shall, in his official capacity, and in behalf of the state, and under the great seal thereof, execute and deliver to the trustees herein named a trust deed of the lands aforesaid, which deed shall vest in said trustees the right to sell, convey, and dispose of the same in the manner provided by this act.

SEC. 5. All monies arising from the sale of such lands, and remaining after the completion of said bridge and said approaches, and payment for the same, shall be paid into the state treasury, and the said trustees shall severally give bonds, with sureties, which shall be approved by the governor, in the amount of five thousand dollars each, conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties as trustees, and for the payment of such surplus fund into the state treasury, which bonds shall be filed, within ten days after their execution, in the office of secretary of state, and such trustees shall receive two and a half per cent. on all sales made by them (to be deducted from said sales), and no more, for their services as such trustees. Said bridge herein mentioned shall be and ever remain a free bridge to the public.

Surplus monies.

Trustees to give bonds.

Compensation of trustees.

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Take effect.

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CHAPTER 178.

AN ACT establishing the fees for the publication of the sale of forfeited lands.

The People of the State of Wisconsin, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The price in full which each newspaper, except the state paper, shall receive for the publication, by authority as required by law, of the advertisement of the sale of forfeited school, university and swamp lands, or of lands selected in lieu of swamp lands, shall be to each newspaper fifty cents for each description of land contained in such advertisement: *Provided, however,*

Publisher's fees.

Proviso.