

AN ACT

To make the official certificate of any register or receiver of any land office of the United States, in this territory, evidence in certain cases.

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

SECTION 1. That the official certificate of any register or receiver, of any land office of the United States, in this territory, of the entry or purchase of any tract of land, or of the location of any tract or tracts of land, by a military land warrant, within his district, shall be deemed and taken to be prima facie evidence of title in the party who made such entry or purchase, or his heirs or assigns, and shall enable such party, his heirs or assigns, to recover the possession of the land described in such certificate in any action of ejectment, or forcible entry and detainer, unless a better legal title be exhibited for the same: *Provided always,* that no such certificate shall be taken as evidence, nor entitle the holder or holders thereof, his, her, or their heirs, or assigns, to have or maintain any action in law or equity, for any lands held, owned, or occupied by any person or persons, as mineral ground, at the time of the entry of said tract or tracts of land, on which discoveries of lead or copper ore had been made, at or previous to the time of entry of said land.

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ed.

TIMOTMY BURNS.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HORATIO N. WELLS,

President of the Council.

APPROVED February 26, 1848.

HENRY DODGE.