

CHAPTER 265.

[Published April 4, 1863.]

AN ACT to carry into execution certain provisions of a trust conferred upon the state of Wisconsin, by an act of congress entitled "an act donating public lands to the several states and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July 2d, 1862.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :

Acceptance of grant.

SECTION 1. The lands, rights, powers and privileges granted to and conferred upon the state of Wisconsin, by an act of congress entitled "an act donating public lands to the several states and territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July 2, 1862, are accepted by the state of Wisconsin, upon the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in said act of congress.

Commissioners to select lands.

SECTION 2. The governor is hereby authorized and required to appoint two commissioners, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the governor, to enter upon and carefully view the lands subject to entry under the provisions of the aforesaid act of congress, and to select and locate, of said lands, an amount not less than two hundred and forty thousand acres. The said commissioners shall likewise make and preserve such descriptive notes, and collect and forward to the executive office of the state such specimens of minerals, soils, timber, &c., illustrative of the general resources and especially of the agricultural capacity of the said selected lands, as the governor may require.

Descriptive notes, mineral, &c.

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SECTION 3. The commissioners so appointed shall, before entering upon the duties required of them by this act, make oath or affirmation that they will faithfully and to the best of their ability discharge the duties devolving upon them as such commissioners, so as best to promote the objects of the said grant, to the exclusion of every other interest whatsoever; and the said commissioners shall, at such times as he may designate, report to the governor a full and complete list and description of the lands by them selected, which list the governor shall lay before the commissioners of school and university lands, and the board of regents

List to be laid before school land commissioners, &c.

or trustees of the institution contemplated by the act of congress before mentioned, should such board have been created and organized at the date of the return of said list by said commissioners, for their approval; and when so approved, the governor shall immediately take measures to have the said selection of lands approved by the secretary of the interior, and certified to this state.

SECTION 4. Upon receipt by the governor of the confirmation of the said selection of lands from the secretary of the interior, the governor shall cause the said list to be recorded with a description thereof, in a book or books to be kept for that purpose in the office of such board of commissioners, regents or trustees as shall be intrusted with the management and sale of the said lands.

If selection be confirmed, list to be recorded, &c.

SECTION 5. The commissioners appointed under this act shall receive five dollars per diem for the time actually employed in selecting and locating said lands, and for all expenses thereby incurred, as full compensation therefor.

Pay of commissioners.

SECTION 6. Bills allowed under this act, if sanctioned by the governor as correct, shall be paid by the state treasurer out of the general fund, upon the audit and warrant of the secretary of state.

Appropriation.

SECTION 7. The sum of thirteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to carry out the provisions of this act.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 266.

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AN ACT to amend chapter twenty-nine of the general laws of 1862, entitled "an act to repeal section nine of chapter thirteen of the general laws of the extra session of 1861, entitled 'an act to provide for borrowing money to repel invasion, suppress insurrection and defend the state in time of war.'"

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter twenty-nine of the general laws of 1862, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows: "All claims and demands against the

Claims against war fund to be presented within two years.