

Chapter 21.

[Published March 10, 1855.]

An Act to suspend the sale of School and University Lands except for purposes of settlement and cultivation.

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

SECTION 1. Every person making application to purchase any portion of the School or University lands, or the agent or attorney of such person appointed by him in writing to make such application, shall be required to make affidavit before some officer authorized by law to administer oaths, and to file the same in the office of the secretary of state, or deliver it to the commissioners of school and university lands, that the applicant applies to purchase the lands therein described for his or her own use, and for the purpose of actual occupancy or cultivation, or for the use of an adjoining farm owned or occupied by said applicant; and the affidavit shall further state that the applicant does not own or hold in his own name, and that no person owns or holds for his use, any quantity of school or university lands which, together with those he applies to purchase, will not exceed three hundred and twenty acres; and unless such affidavit shall be made and filed, or delivered as aforesaid, the person applying shall not be allowed to purchase any portion of the lands described in his or her application; and every purchase of such lands not made for the purpose of actual occupancy or cultivation by the applicant, or exceeding the quantity above limited, shall be null and void: Provided, That no person shall purchase any pine lands without paying the whole of the purchase money at the time of the sale.

Affidavit required of purchaser.

Quantity limited.

Proviso.

Pre-emption secured to purchaser.

SEC. 2. There is hereby secured to every person now settled, or having improvements upon, or who may settle upon subsequent to the passage of this act, any tract of school or university lands, the pre-emption right to purchase any amount of land not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, embracing such settlement or improvement, and to be selected by the claimant in legal subdivisions at the appraised value thereof, exclusive of any improvement of settlement upon said lands by the person claiming the right of pre-emption thereto, or at the minimum price fixed by law, in case the lands shall be sold without appraisal; said right of pre-emption to be proven up in

Duties of pre-emptor.

the manner and subject to the conditions and proviso named in section two, of an act approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled "an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the appraisal and sale of school lands and for granting pre-emption rights thereon, approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty."

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 3. The commissioners of school and university lands shall include in one certificate of sale, as many distinct lots or tracts of such lands hereafter purchased by any person at the same time, either at public sale or private entry as such purchasers may request, and only one account shall be kept with such purchaser for all the lots or tracts included in the same certificate.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1855.

Chapter 22.

[Published March 12.]

An Act to provide for the sale of Forfeited School Lands.

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

Forfeited lands how to be advertised.

SECTION 1. Whenever any school or university lands shall have been forfeited for the non-payment of either principal or interest, and shall have remained forfeited for three months, the school commissioners shall advertise such lands for sale, by publication of notices thereof for three months, in the newspaper published in Madison, in which the laws are officially published: and also in a newspaper published in the county where the lands lie, if there be any, and if not, then in some newspaper having general circulation in such county, and published nearest thereto. Such sale shall be made either in the county where the lands lie, or at the capitol, in Madison, on some day not less than three months nor more than six months after the first publication of notice in both of said papers; the notice shall specify the time, and place of sale, a de-

Where to be sold.