

Chapter 59.

[Published March 30.]

An Act to repeal chap. 59 of the general statutes of Wisconsin, entitled an act to provide for a State Lunatic Asylum, and to provide for a compromise with Andrew Proudfit and for other purposes.

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

Chap. repealed SEC. 1. Chap. 59 of the general statutes of the State of Wisconsin, entitled an act to provide for a State Lunatic Asylum, approved March 30, 1854, is hereby repealed. *Provided*, This act shall not be so construed as to impair the obligation of any valid contract. But notice is hereby given to Andrew Proudfit that the state of Wisconsin does not consider itself bound by the contract of the date of the sixteenth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, or any other contract or agreement made or entered into with him by the Commissioners appointed under the act hereby repealed, and that the state intends, unless a compromise can be made with him as hereinafter provided, upon terms satisfactory to the legislature of the state, to leave him to seek his remedy or rights, if he has any, in the courts as provided by law; and notice is hereby further given to said Proudfit not to proceed further under the aforesaid contract, as the state intends to, and by this act does, dispute and deny its liability upon the same.

Notice to contractor to suspend work.

SEC. 2. Upon the payment of fifteen hundred dollars into the treasury of the state of Wisconsin, by Leonard J. Farwell, of the town of Madison, in the county of Dane, the Governor is hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver to said Farwell a deed of the land conveyed by said Farwell to the state for the use of the Lunatic Asylum, which deed when executed and delivered, shall have the effect to re-vest the title to said lands in said Farwell, free of all claim of the state of Wisconsin.

Duty of secretary of state. SEC. 3. Immediately upon the passage of this act, the secretary of state of the state of Wisconsin, is hereby authorized, and it shall be his duty, to take possession of all plans, specifications, contracts, papers, records and property of every kind belonging to the state of Wisconsin, in the hands, possession, or under the control of the commissioners, or superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, and to preserve the same in his office. And it is further hereby

made the duty of the secretary of state to call upon the said commissioners and superintendent, and demand and receive from them all moneys due from, or overdrawn by them from the state, and to pay the same into the treasury. And said commissioners and superintendent are hereby required, when so called upon as aforesaid, to deliver and pay all such property and money to said secretary of state. Duty of commissioners and superintendent

SEC. 4. Immediately upon the passage of this act a committee of two shall be appointed on the part of the senate, and three on the part of the assembly, to confer with Andrew Proudfit, the present contractor for the building of the Lunatic Asylum, and ascertain, and report within twenty-four hours after their appointment, upon what terms or conditions, a settlement or compromise can be made with him of all matters or claims growing out of or connected with the Lunatic Asylum contract: *Provided*, That this act shall not be in any manner or particular, construed or intended to recognize, acknowledge or admit in any manner, as legal and binding upon the state the alleged contract of Andrew Proudfit, hereinbefore referred to, and any such construction or intention is utterly denied by this act. Committee appointed to confer with contractor.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage, and the secretary of state is hereby required to cause this act to be published immediately on its passage, and the secretary of state is also hereby further required to serve a certified copy of this act, under the great seal of the state, on the said Andrew Proudfit, immediately on its passage, and endorse upon this act his certificate of such service, which shall be evidence thereof in all courts and places.

Approved March 29, 1855.

Chapter 60.

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An Act for the protection of Lumbermen.

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

SECTION 1. That any person that shall wilfully and without consent of the owner take and appropriate to his own