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SEC. 12. This act may be altered or amended by any subsequent Legislature.

J. S. NORRIS,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. P. MURRAY,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—February twenty-seven, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,
Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER VI.

An act to define the boundaries of certain counties.

- SECTION 1. County of Olmsted, boundaries of.
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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That so much of the Territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Olmsted:

County of Olmsted.

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and five (105) north of range number ten west of the fifth meridian, running thence west on the township line, thirty miles to the township line between ranges fifteen and sixteen, thence north on said township line twenty-four (24) miles to the township line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east on said township line eighteen miles to the township line between ranges twelve and thirteen, thence south on said township line, six miles to the township line between townships one hundred and seven and one hundred and eight; thence east on said line twelve miles to the township line between ranges ten and eleven west, and thence south eighteen miles to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That so much of the Territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Dodge: County of Dodge

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and five north, range fifteen west, running thence west on the township line twenty-four miles to the township line between ranges nineteen and twenty, thence north on said township line, twenty-four miles to the township line between one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine; thence east twenty-four miles on said township line to the township line between ranges fifteen and sixteen; thence south on said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

SEC. 3. That so much of the Territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Mower: County of Mower

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and one, north range thirteen west; running thence west on the boundary line between Minnesota Territory and the State of Iowa, thirty miles to the township line between ranges eighteen and nineteen west; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence east on said township line thirty miles to the township line between ranges thirteen and fourteen west; thence south on said township line twenty four miles to the place of beginning.

SEC. 4. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Freeborn: County of Freeborn.

Beginning at the south west corner of township one hundred and one, north range eighteen west, running thence west on the boundary line between Minnesota Territory and the State of Iowa, thirty miles to the township line between ranges twenty-three and twenty-four; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and four and one hundred and five; thence east on said township line thirty miles to the township line between range eighteen and nineteen west; thence south twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

SEC. 5. That so much of the Territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Blue Earth: County of Blue Earth.

Beginning at the south west corner of township one hundred and five north, range twenty-four west; running thence west on said township line, thirty miles to the township line between ranges twenty-nine and thirty; thence north on said township line to the centre of the Minnesota river; thence down said river to the north line of township one hundred and eight north, in range twenty-seven west; thence east on said township line to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west; thence south on the said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

County of Farri-
bault.

SEC. 6. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Farriault:

Beginning at the south west corner of township one hundred and one north, range twenty-three west; running thence west on the boundary line between the Territory of Minnesota and the State of Iowa, thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges twenty-nine and thirty west; thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between one hundred and four and one hundred and five north; thence east on said line thirty-six miles to the township line between range twenty-three and twenty-four west; thence south on said township line twenty-four miles to the place of beginning.

County of Steele.

SEC. 7. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Steele:

Beginning at the south west corner of township one hundred and five north, range nineteen west, thence running west thirty miles on said township line, to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west; thence north twenty-four miles on said township line, to the township line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine, thence east on said township line, thirty miles to the township line, between ranges nineteen and twenty west, thence south on said township line to the place of beginning.

County of Rice.

SEC. 8. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Rice:

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and nine north, range eighteen west; running thence west on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three, thence north on said township line twenty-four miles to the township line between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen north; thence east on said township line twelve miles to the township line between ranges twenty and twenty-one; thence south six miles to the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve; thence east on said township line to the township line between ranges eighteen and nineteen; thence south eighteen miles to the place of beginning.

County of Dako-
tah.

SEC. 9. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries, to be, and is hereby established as the county of Dakota:

Beginning at the center of the channel of the Minnesota river at the mouth of Credit river; thence on a direct line to the N. E. corner of township one hundred and twelve, in range twenty-one west; thence south on the township line between ranges twenty and twenty-one west, to the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve; thence east on said line to the center of the channel of the Cannon river; thence down said river, in the center of said channel to the township line between ranges seventeen and eighteen west of the fifth Meridian; thence north on said line to the township line, between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen, north; thence east on said line, six miles to the township line, between ranges sixteen and seventeen, west; thence north six miles to the township line, between townships one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and fourteen; thence east three miles on said line, thence north on the section line across the center of township one hundred and fourteen, range sixteen west, to the center of the channel of the Mississippi river; thence up the center of the channel of said river, to the mouth of the Minnesota

river; thence up the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

SEC. 10. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries, be and is hereby established as the county of Scott: County of Scott.

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and thirteen, range twenty west; thence west on the township line to the center of the Minnesota river; thence down said river to the township line between range twenty and twenty-one; thence south on said township line to the place of beginning.

SEC. 11. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of La Sueur: County of La Sueur.

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and nine north, range twenty-two west, running thence west on said line to the center of the channel of the Minnesota river, thence down said river to the township line between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen north, thence east on said line to the township line between ranges twenty-two and twenty-three west, thence south on said line, twenty-four miles to the place of beginning: *Provided*, That no portions of sections one and twelve, in township one hundred and twelve north, and range twenty-six west, shall be included within the limits of said county.

SEC. 12. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Nicollet: County of Nicollet.

Beginning in the center of the channel of the Minnesota river, on the township line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve north, thence west on said line to the center of the channel of the Minnesota river; thence down the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

SEC. 13. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Sibley: County of Sibley

Beginning in the center of the channel of the Minnesota river on the township line, between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve north; running thence west on said township line to the township line between ranges thirty-one and thirty-two west; thence north on said line, eighteen miles to the township line, between townships one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fifteen; thence east on said line thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six west, thence south three miles to the middle of township one hundred and fourteen north, thence east on the section line to the township line between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, thence south along said line to the center of the channel of the Minnesota river, thence up the center of the channel of said river to the place of beginning: *Provided*, That said county shall include all of sections one and twelve, in township one hundred and twelve north, and range twenty-six west.

SEC. 14. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Carver: County of Carver.

Beginning at the center of the main channel of the Minnesota river, where the township line, between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five, crosses said river, thence north along said line to the center (north and south) of township one hundred and fourteen, thence west along the section line, to the township line between ranges twenty-five and twenty-six, thence north along said line to the township line between townships one hundred and fourteen and one hundred and fifteen north, thence west on said line thirty miles, to the township line between range thirty and thirty-one west; thence north eighteen miles to the township line between

one hundred and seventeen and one hundred and eighteen north; thence east on said line thirty-six miles to the township line, between ranges twenty-four and twenty-five west of the fifth meridian, thence south six miles on said line to the township line between townships one hundred and sixteen and one hundred and seventeen north, thence east on said line, twelve miles to the township line between range twenty-two and twenty-three west; thence south on said line to the centre of the Minnesota river, thence up the centre of the channel of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Renville.

SEC. 15. That so much territory as is embraced within the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Renville:

Beginning at the centre of the main channel of the Minnesota river, where the line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve crosses said river, thence east along said township line to the western boundary line of Sibley county; thence along the boundary line of Sibley and Carver counties, to the line between townships one hundred and seventeen and one hundred and eighteen, thence west along said line to the middle of the main channel of the Minnesota river; thence down the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Davis.

SEC. 16. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and is hereby established as the county of Davis:

Beginning in the center of Minnesota river at the north-west corner of Renville county, running thence in a northerly direction to the head waters of Clearwater river; thence down said river to the township line, between ranges twenty-eight and twenty-nine west of the fifth meridian; and thence south on said line to the north line of Carver county, thence west on said line of Carver and Renville counties to the place of beginning.

County of Wright.

SEC. 17. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Wright:

Beginning at the north-east corner of Davis county, running thence south on the east line of said county to the north line of Carver county; thence east on the north line of said county, to the township line between range twenty-four and twenty-five, west of the fifth meridian, thence north on the said line to Crow river; thence down the center of Crow river, to the Mississippi river, thence up the main channel of said river to the mouth of Clearwater river, thence up the middle of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Stearns.

SEC. 18. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Stearns:

Beginning at a point in the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of Platte river, thence west thirty-six miles to the township line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six, thence south on said township line, to the northwest corner of the county of Keating; thence along the northern boundary of said county, and the county of Wright to the center of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence up the middle of the main channel of said river to the place of beginning.

County of Brown.

SEC. 19. That so much of the territory as was formerly included within the county of Blue Earth, and has not been included within the boundaries of any other county, as herein established, shall be known as the county of Brown.

SEC. 20. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries shall constitute the county of Goodhue: County of Goodhue.

Beginning at the southwest corner of township one hundred and nine north, range eighteen west; thence north to the middle of the main channel of Cannon river, thence down the middle of said channel to the line between ranges seventeen and eighteen, thence north on said line to the line between townships one hundred and twelve and one hundred and thirteen, thence east along said line, to the southwest corner of township one hundred and thirteen, range sixteen, thence north to the line between townships one hundred and thirteen and one hundred and fourteen; thence east along said line to the corner of sections three, four, thirty-three and thirty-four, in range sixteen; thence north along the section line to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river; thence down the middle of the main channel and of Lake Pepin, to a point due east of the meander corner to be hereafter established at the termination of the line between townships one hundred and eleven and one hundred and twelve upon said Lake; thence west to the line between ranges thirteen and fourteen, thence south to the line between townships one hundred and ten and one hundred and eleven, thence west to the line between ranges fourteen and fifteen, thence south to the line between townships one hundred and eight and one hundred and nine, thence west to the place of beginning.

SEC. 21. So much of the county of Itasca as may be included in the following boundaries, viz: Commencing at the mouth of Knife river on the north shore of Lake Superior, thence directly north to the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions; thence in a westerly course along said boundary line to Vermillion river, thence down said river to Vermillion Lake; thence through the center of said Lake to the south east shore, at the mouth of the principal inlet; thence in a direct line to Dead Fish lake; thence through the center of said Lake, and down the center of the channel of the St. Louis river to its mouth; thence along the north shore of lake Superior to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, which shall be known by the name of Doty. County of Doty.

SEC. 22. That so much of Minnesota Territory as is contained within the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county which shall be known by the name of Benton, to wit: County of Benton.

Beginning at the mouth of Rum river, thence up the main branch of said river to Mille Lac, thence due north to the Mississippi river, thence down said river to the place of beginning.

SEC. 23. That so much of the counties of Wabashaw, Fillmore, Hennepin and Pierce, as have not been included within the above boundaries of other counties, under the provisions of this act, shall be deemed to constitute the limits of said counties respectively. Counties of Wabashaw, Fillmore, Hennepin, and Pierce.

SEC. 24. That portion of the Territory of Minnesota, lying west of a line commencing at the mouth of Knife river on the north shore of Lake Superior, and running due north until it intersects the boundary line between the United States and the British Possessions be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county, and shall be known by the name of Superior. County of Superior.

SEC. 25. That so much territory as is embraced in the following boundaries be, and the same is hereby established as the county of Todd: County of Todd.

Beginning at the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi river, opposite the mouth of Platte river, thence west to the township line between ranges thirty-five and thirty-six, thence north on said township line

to Crow Wing river, thence down the channel of said river to the middle of the main channel of the Mississippi, thence down said river to the place of beginning.

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Secretary of Minnesota Territory.

CHAPTER VII.

An Act prescribing rules and regulations for the execution of the trust arising under the act of Congress entitled an act for the relief of citizens of towns upon lands of the United States under certain circumstances.

- SECTION 1. When corporate authorities shall convey lands or lots.
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 16. Of costs.
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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of Minnesota Territory :

Corporate au-
 thorities shall
 convey lands,

SECTION 1. Whenever the corporate authorities of any town, or the judge or judges of the county court for any county in this Territory in which any town may be situated, shall have entered at the proper land office the land or any part of the land settled and occupied as the site of such town, pursuant to and by virtue of the provisions of the act of Congress entitled, "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon the