

amended by adding after section eighty-nine, on page four hundred and eighty-three, the following new section:

Certified copy to
be evidence.

Section ninety.—All plats of surveys of public land in this Territory, certified by the Register of the Land Office of the District in which such land is situated, to be a correct copy of the certified copy on file in his office, of the original plat of such surveys, and all certificates by the Register of such land office of the surveys of, and of other facts in relation to, such land taken from the certificate endorsed on the copy on file in said land office, of the original plat, shall entitle such certified copy or certificate to be read in evidence in the Courts of the Territory, in the same manner as if the same were a certified copy of, or certificate from the original plat or certificate of the surveys of such lands.

CHARLES GARDNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN B. BRISBIN,
President of the Council.

APPROVED—February sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

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 XIV.

An Act to continue in force "An Act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Emigration for the Territory of Minnesota," and amendatory thereto.

- SECTION 1. Prior act continued in force.
2. Salary of Commissioner of Emigration.
3. Appropriation for incidental purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

Re-enacted.

SECTION 1. That "an act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Emigration for Minnesota," passed by the last Legislative Assembly, is hereby re-enacted and continued in force for one year from the 4th day of March next, with the amendments to said act provided for in the following sections:

Salary.

SEC. 2. The salary of the Commissioner of Emigration shall be \$1500 per annum.

Incidental.

SEC. 3. That the whole amount appropriated in the 2nd section of the act hereby re-enacted and amended, for office rent, furniture, maps, sta-

tionary, clerk hire, and contingent expenses, shall be \$1000 per annum, Appropriation. out of which sum shall be paid all the expenses of advertising.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

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CHAPTER XV.

An Act entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Historical Society of Minnesota," approved October 20, 1849.

- SECTION 1. Property not liable for debts and free from taxation.
 2. Shall elect an Executive Council.
 2. Defining the objects of said Society.
 4. Report of inconsistent acts.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That in addition to the privileges and immunities granted, and duties assigned to the Minnesota Historical Society, by the act approved October 20, 1849, the said Society shall be allowed to receive by bequest, donation or purchase, any amount of property, real or personal, and shall hold the same in perpetuity, as a sacred trust for the uses and purposes of said Society, without in any manner mortgaging, or by debts encumbering such property now in possession, or thereafter to be acquired; nor shall any such property be liable, in any manner or form whatever, for any debt contracted by said Society; and the real property now vested in the Society in the city of St. Paul, and the building hereafter to be located thereon, as a Hall for the same, and the personal property of the Society shall be exempt from taxation.

SEC. 2. As soon as convenient after the passage of this act, the Society shall elect an executive council, consisting of not more than twenty-five members of the Society, who shall hold their office for the term of three years, and until their successors are elected, which election shall thereafter take place triennially. The executive committee shall elect and appoint all officers, and such agents and collaborators of the Society, resident and non-resident, as they may deem necessary or useful, and the executive council shall have the custody of all the property, real and personal, of the Society, and shall frame such by-laws and constitution for their government as they may deem expedient, and do all other things not inconsistent with this act, essential to the prosperity of the Society.

SEC. 3. The objects of said Society, with the enlarged powers and