

CHAPTER 51.

AN ACT TO MAKE CERTAIN PAPERS IN THE LAND DEPARTMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA MATTERS OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

SECTION 1. That the duplicate or receiver's final receipt issued from the respective United States Land Office in this State, shall be entitled to record in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the land therein described is located, and all such records shall have the same force and effect in law with respect to notice and title as the record of the patent to such land would have.

Final receipts from land officers may be recorded as evidence of title.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 11, 1878.

CHAPTER 52.

AN ACT MAKING COPIES OF CERTAIN RECORDS AND OTHER PAPERS, AND CERTAIN CERTIFICATES, EVIDENCE IN THE COURTS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That copies of all or any records, papers or document belonging to and being in any of the governmental departments of the United States, authenticated as such and in accordance with the laws of the United States to entitle such records, papers or documents to be received as evidence in the courts of the United States, shall be received and admitted as evidence in all the courts of the State of Minnesota.

Records and papers of U. S. government departments may be received as evidence.

SEC. 2. That the certificate of the register or receiver of any of the United States land offices within this State, showing by whom, when and how, any lands within this State were entered under the homestead pre-emption or timber culture laws of the United States, shall be *prima facie* evidence in all the courts of this State, that the person named therein, was at the date of such entry the owner in fee of such lands.

Certificates of entry under homestead pre-emption or timber acts, prima facie evidence of title.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 12, 1878.