

CHAPTER 81.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE AUDITOR TO ABATE PENALTIES FOR THE NON-PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON STATE LANDS IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

Penalties
abated for non
payment of
interest on
state lands.

SECTION 1. That the State Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to abate all penalties for non-payment of interest due or to become due for the years one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877) and one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), on unpaid purchase money of school, agricultural, college, or internal improvement lands, in such portion of the State, or belonging to such persons as have suffered from ravages of grasshoppers, if such interest due in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven (1877) be paid before the first (1st) day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), and the interest to become due in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), be paid before the first (1st) day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine (1879). *Provided*, that such abatement shall only be made upon the petition of the person seeking such relief under the provisions of this act, duly filed in the office of the State Auditor, showing the necessity for such relief, which petition shall be duly verified and approved by the county treasurer and auditor of the county wherein such lands are situated.

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

Approved March 1, 1878.

CHAPTER 82.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF FRUIT CULTURE IN THIS STATE.

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

Experimental
farm for fruit
culture.

SECTION 1. That the Board of Regents of the State University is hereby authorized to purchase and use as a part of the experimental farm of the agricultural department of said University, a tract of land of one hundred and sixteen acres (116), situated near Lake Minnetonka in Hennepin county in this State, at a cost of not to exceed two thousand dollars, the said land to be paid for out of the funds of the said State University, and to be subject to the supervision of said Board of Regents.

SEC. 2. That the said tract of land or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used for the growth of apple and other fruit trees, and for experimenting therein especially with a view to hybridizing the crabs and hardy seedling