

upon which there is a growing crop of grain, hay or corn, that in the judgment of the officers charged with the enforcement of this act all such weeds cannot be eradicated without great damage to the crop growing upon the said land, such officers may make an agreement in writing with the owner, agent or occupant of the land providing for the destruction of a portion only of such weeds prior to the harvesting of the crop on the said land, the portion to be destroyed being specified in said written agreement; and no officer or land owners, agent or occupants who have in good faith entered into such an agreement, and have in good faith complied with the terms and conditions of such agreement, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.

When not
liable.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 12, 1897.

CHAPTER 112.

H. F. No. 521.

An act to amend section four (4) of chapter 204, general laws of 1887, as amended by chapter 113, general laws of 1889, being section 5878, general statutes 1894, relating to the forfeiture of lands illegally held.

Forfeiture of
lands.

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

SECTION 1. That section 4 of chapter 204 of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1887, as amended by chapter 113 of the general laws of the state of Minnesota for the year 1889, being section 5878, general statutes of Minnesota of 1894, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Sec. 4. That all property acquired, held or owned in violation of the provisions of this act shall be forfeited to this state, and it shall be the duty of the attorney general of the state to enforce every such forfeiture by due process of law; *provided*, however, that no such forfeiture shall be made unless the action to enforce such forfeiture shall be brought within three (3) years after such real estate has been acquired by such alien or corporation; *and provided, further*, that no title to real estate standing in the name of a citizen of the United

Forfeited to
state.

Provisions.

States, or any one who has declared his intention of becoming such a citizen, shall be liable to forfeiture by reason of the alienage of any former owner or person interested therein.

Provided, further, that none of the provisions of this act shall be construed to apply to lands acquired, held or obtained by process of law in the collection of debts, or by any procured for the enforcement of any lien or claim thereon, whether created by mortgage or otherwise.

Provided, further, that none of the provisions of this act shall apply to any person or corporation actually engaged in the business of selling land to actual settlers, provided they shall dispose of all such lands within ten (10) years from the time of acquiring title thereto, or the same shall be forfeited and the forfeiture enforced as provided in this section.

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

Approved April 12, 1897.

CHAPTER 113.

H. F. No. 640.

Fort Ridgely.

An act appropriating money for the improvement, protection and preservation of the grounds of the state comprising the former site of Fort Ridgely, and the monument on said grounds.

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

Appropriation.

SECTION 1. That the sum of four hundred (400) dollars, or so much of that sum as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated funds in the state treasury, for the improvement, protection and preservation of the grounds of the state comprising the former site of Fort Ridgely, in Nicollet county, in this state, including the structure thereon known as the Fort Ridgely monument.

Commissioners.

SEC. 2. Charles E. Flandrau and Timothy J. Sheehan of Ramsey county; A. A. Stone and Albert Anderson of Nicollet county; Benjamin H. Randall of Winona county; M. E. Powell of Redwood county, and Charles H. Hopkins of Renville county, constituting the Fort Ridgely monument commission under the provisions of chapter 375 of the general laws of Minnesota for 1895, are hereby continued in service as members of said commission and constituted and appointed the agents of