

reading the indictment to the defendant, and delivering to him a copy thereof and of the indorsements thereon, including the list of witnesses indorsed on it or appended thereto, and asking him whether he pleads guilty or not guilty to the indictment. *Provided, if the defendant waives the reading of the indictment, it need not be read to him.*"

Approved April 6, 1925.

CHAPTER 138—S. F. No. 968.

An act to authorize the governor and state auditor on behalf of and in the name of the State of Minnesota, to convey to Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association a certain portion of Fort Ridgely State Park in exchange for certain other real estate to be conveyed by said Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association to the State of Minnesota and to become and be a part of said park.

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

Section 1. State and Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association may exchange property.—That the governor and the state auditor, on behalf of and in the name of the State of Minnesota be and they hereby are authorized and directed to convey to the Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association, a corporation, that certain tract or parcel of land constituting a part of the Fort Ridgely State Park, situate in the SE¼ of NE¼ of section 6, township 111, North, Range 32 West of the 5th P. M., in the county of Nicollet, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the east line of the cemetery of the Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association, known as the Fort Ridgely Cemetery (hereinafter called the cemetery) which point is 56 feet north of the southeast corner of said cemetery and is also 520 feet north and 308.5 feet east of the southwest corner of said SE¼ of NE¼ of said section 6; thence east 81 feet to a point marked on the ground by an iron monument; thence north 1° 42' West 180 feet to a point marked on the ground by an iron monument; thence North 50° 11' West 100.5 feet to a point on the east line of said cemetery, as shown on the recorded plat thereof and marked on the ground by an iron monument; thence south along the east line of said cemetery 244 feet to the point of commencement; containing .38 acre; in exchange for a good and sufficient deed conveying to the State of Minnesota, free from encumbrance, a good and marketable title to the following described tract or parcel of land situate in the SE¼ of NE¼ of section 6, township 111 north, range 32 west, of the 5th P. M. in the county of Nicollet, to-wit:

The south 56 feet taken by parallel lines of "Fort Ridgely

Cemetery," according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Nicollet, said tract or parcel being otherwise described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the southwest corner of the cemetery of the Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association, which point is 464 feet north and 11.5 feet east of the southwest corner of the SE¼ of the NE¼ of said section 6; thence east 297 feet on the south line of the cemetery and to the southeast corner thereof; thence north on the east line of said cemetery 56 feet to a point; thence west and parallel with first course 297 feet to a point on the west line of said cemetery; thence south on the west line of said cemetery 56 feet to point of commencement, containing .38 of an acre; each of said points so referred to being marked on the ground by an iron monument; said tract or parcel when so conveyed to become and be a part of the Fort Ridgely State Park.

Sec. 2. Governor and state auditor to execute deed.—That the governor and the state auditor be and they hereby are authorized and directed to execute and deliver in the name of the State of Minnesota to the Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association, and the Fort Ridgely Cemetery Association be and it hereby is, by its proper officers, authorized to execute and deliver to the State of Minnesota such deeds of conveyance as may be necessary or proper to carry out the terms of the exchange of properties as herein provided.

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CHAPTER 139—S. F. No. 1087.

An act amending Section 2606, General Statutes 1923, relating to the reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of bridges on county and town roads.

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

Section 1. Counties to reconstruct and repair bridges.—That Section 2606, General Statutes 1923, be and the same hereby is amended so as to read as follows:

"2606. Sub. 1. It shall be the duty of the county to reconstruct, repair and maintain all bridges on county roads, more than *ten* feet in length. In case any bridge on a county road more than *ten* feet in length is totally wrecked or destroyed and the county charged with the duty of reconstructing, repairing and maintaining such bridge has not sufficient money in its road and bridge fund to defray the cost and expense of reconstructing, repairing and maintaining such bridge the county board may borrow money therefor by the issuance of certificates of indebtedness, which certificates shall be payable in not more than five years from the date thereof and shall bear interest at not to exceed six per cent per annum.