

CHAP. XV.—An Act to authorize the Registers of Deeds of Ramsey and Benton counties to procure certain copies of records in the office of the Register of Deeds of Washington county.

Nov. 1, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota.* That the registers of deeds of the counties of Ramsey and Benton of the Territory of Minnesota, are hereby required to procure from the records in the office of the register of deeds of the county of Washington, true and exact copies of the records of all deeds, mortgages and other instruments recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the said county of Washington (late St. Croix) which relates to or effects lands or real estate situate within the limits of the said counties of Ramsey or Benton respectively, recorded in the said county of Washington (late St. Croix) previous to the organization of the said counties of Ramsey and Benton, and record the same in a book or books to be procured by the board of county commissioners for that purpose.

Sec. 2. The registers of deeds of the said counties of Ramsey and Benton shall respectively affix to the said records so copied a certificate under oath, stating that as such register he procured the said records in pursuance of this act, and that they are true and exact copies of all such original records.

Sec. 3. The copies of such records made and certified as herein provided shall have the same force and effect as the original records.

Sec. 4. The register of deeds of the counties aforesaid shall be paid from the treasury of the said counties respectively for performing the duties herein enjoined upon them, and for arranging and preparing an alphabetical index to the records by them copied, such compensation as the commissioners of the said counties shall deem just and equitable.

Sec. 5. The register of deeds of the county of Washington shall permit the registers of deeds of the aforesaid counties of Ramsey and Benton to have free access to the records of his office for the purpose of procuring such copies.

APPROVED the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Registers of deeds of Ramsey and Benton counties to procure from records of Washington county, copies of deeds and other instruments of writing, which relate to lands in the former counties.

Register's duty to certify under oath certain facts, etc.

The record copies to have in law like effect as original records.

Registers to be paid for services and make index to records and fees allowed by comm'rs.

Register of Washington county shall allow free access to the records to procure copies, etc.

CHAP. XVI.—An Act concerning Debtors and their Securities.

Nov. 1, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota.* That when any person bound as security by bond, bill, note or otherwise, for the payment of money or performance of a contract, shall apprehend that the principal debtor for whom he is bound is likely to become insolvent, or emigrate from this Territory without previously satisfying or discharging such debts due, demand or obligation, so that it will become impossible or difficult for such security after paying, satisfying or discharging such debts due or demand to recover the value thereof from such principal debtor, it shall be lawful for such security, if action shall have accrued on any such contracts as aforesaid, to require by notice in writing his creditors forthwith to put the bond, bill, note or other contract by which he is bound as aforesaid in suit, who shall within twenty days commence an action and proceed with due diligence to judgment and execution thereon; and if such creditors shall fail or neglect to proceed as aforesaid, the said surety shall be discharged from the performance of said contract.

Sec. 2. That the provisions of this act shall be extended to the

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Security by contract showing, if action shall have accrued to require by notice in writing the creditor to sue the principal within twenty days and prosecute with due diligence to judgment and execution, and on failure the security discharged.