

CHAPTER XLVIII.

An Act Granting the Privileges of Citizenship Under Certain Restrictions to the Civilized Indians of this State.

- SECTION 1. All persons of Indian blood may become citizens of this State—qualifications.
 2. District court to issue certificates of citizenship.
 3. Act, when to take effect.

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

SECTION 1. Any male person of Indian blood, over twenty-one years of age, who shall desire to become a citizen of this State, shall appear before a district court of the State, in regular term, and shall establish by at least two witnesses, one of whom shall be a white man, that he is possessed of the following qualifications:

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First, A just idea of the nature of an oath.

Second, A fixed residence in a house, as distinguished from a teepee or wigwam.

Third, That he has been, for at least two years immediately preceding his application to said court engaged in the cultivation of the soil, or in the trades or in any other strictly civilized pursuit.

Fourth, That he has during said term of two years, assumed the habits and worn the dress of civilization.

Fifth, That he is a man of correct general demeanor, and possessed of good moral character.

SEC. 2. The district court by which such facts shall be found, shall cause to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, a certificate that such Indian has made application to have the right of citizenship extended to him, and that satisfactory evidence of the facts hereinbefore enumerated has been produced, and that such court has found him possessed of such qualifications. The court shall thereupon give to said Indian, under the seal of such court, a copy of such certificate, and such Indian shall then and thereafter be deemed to all intents and purposes, a full citizen of this State, with the right to sue and

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be sued in any of the courts of this State in like manner and with the same effect as other inhabitants thereof, and shall be entitled to the same civil rights as other citizens.

Provided, That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to deprive such Indians of the right to any annuities now due them or which may hereafter become due them from this State, or from the United States.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after the thirtieth day of April, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

Approved March 11th, A. D. 1861.

CHAPTER XLIX.

An Act Granting the Right of Way to Canals, Tow-Paths and Other Works of Internal Improvement.

SECTION 1. Corporation may purchase right of way—deeds and conveyances shall be signed by the president.
2. Act, when to take effect.

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

Corporations
may purchase
right of way—
deeds to be sign-
ed by President

SECTION 1. Any number of persons having associated themselves together and become incorporated for the purpose of constructing canals, tow-paths or other works of internal improvement under the general law for the creation and regulation of incorporations, may acquire by purchase or gift any lands through which said companies may pass, so far as may be deemed convenient or necessary to secure the right of way, and the same to hold and convey, in such manner as the directors of said companies may prescribe, and all deeds and conveyances made by such companies shall be signed by the president under the seal of the corporation.

Sec. 2. This Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 8th, A. D. 1861.