

CHAPTER 303.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF F. C. CATER, A SETTLER UPON LAND CLAIMED BY THE STATE.

THAT, WHEREAS, F. C. Cater, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the county of Mille Lacs, in this state, under the provisions of the pre-emption act of one thousand eight hundred and forty-one (1841), in good faith settled upon and occupied and improved the northeast quarter (†) of the northwest quarter (‡) of section number twenty-four (24), in township number forty-two (42) north, of range number twenty-five (25) west, and made satisfactory proof of a full compliance with the said pre-emption law, and made full payment for the said tract, together with one hundred and twenty (120) acres of adjacent government land, on the twenty-seventh (27th) day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four (1884), at the United States land office at Taylors Falls, Minnesota, receiving, upon such proof and payment, duplicate receiver's receipt number seven thousand two hundred and twenty-six (7,226);

AND WHEREAS, At the time of the initiation of said pre-emption claim upon said tract, and at the time of filing of said Cater's declaratory statement thereon, the records of the said United States land office showed the government subdivision of forty (40) acres first above described to be government land, free from adverse claim, and to be subject to pre-emption;

AND WHEREAS, At some time subsequent to the filing of said declaratory statement, there was filed in behalf of the state, in said United States land office, a list of state swamp lands, which list included the forty (40) acre tract first above described, thus initiating an adverse claim which is instrumental in preventing, without litigation, an issue of a patent for said tract to said Cater by the United States; now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. That the governor is hereby authorized to relinquish the claim of the state to the said northeast quarter (†) of the northwest quarter (‡) of section number twenty-four (24), in township number forty-two (42) north, of range number twenty-five (25) west, and containing forty (40) acres, to the end that the United States may make a proper disposal of the same.

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

Approved February 13, 1885.