

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

the state for the expenditure of the sum named in section one (1) of this act, in the improvement, protection and preservation of the said grounds and monument. And they shall make the following alterations and additions to the inscription on said monument, to-wit:

First—Erase and remove the name of Sidney Cook, together with any reference to him, his name having been placed thereon by mistake.

Inscription on monument.

Second—Make a suitable and appropriate inscription showing that Ezikel Rose of Company B, Fifth Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, was wounded at the time Captain March's company was ambushed.

Third—Make a suitable inscription showing that J. F. Bishop, sergeant Company B, Fifth Minnesota Volunteers, was in charge of a gun at the fort during the siege.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners shall cause the said grounds and monument to be enclosed and otherwise protected and improved, and all expenses incurred in the prosecution of their duties shall be paid, from time to time, upon the presentation of proper vouchers, signed by the chairman and secretary of said commission, to the state auditor, who shall thereupon draw his proper warrant or warrants upon the state treasurer. The said commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services, but all of their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties under this act shall be paid in the manner herein provided.

Enclosure, improvement and protection of grounds.

SEC. 4. Upon the completion of the duties assigned them by the provisions of this act the said commissioners shall make a report of the services performed and the work done, or caused to be done, by them, which report shall also contain a statement of their expenditures so incurred. Said report shall be addressed to the governor, and upon its approval by him shall be filed with the secretary of state.

Completion of duties by commissioners.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 12, 1897.