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LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES
RELATIVE TO
LANDS GRANTED TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

I.
OF THE UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LANDS.

ACT OF JUNE 23, 1836—5 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 59.

AN ACT supplementary to the act entitled "An act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union on certain conditions."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in lieu of the proposition submitted to the Congress of the United States by an ordinance passed by the convention of delegates at Detroit, assembled for the purpose of making a constitution for the State of Michigan, which are hereby rejected; and that the following propositions be, and the same are hereby offered to the Legislature of the State of Michigan, for their acceptance or rejection, which if accepted, under the authority conferred on the said Legislature by the convention which framed the constitution of the said State, shall be obligatory upon the United States.

First. That section numbered sixteen in every township of the public lands, and where such section has been sold or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to the State for the use of schools.

Second. That the seventy-two sections of land set apart and reserved for the use and support of a University by an act of

Congress approved on the twentieth day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, entitled "An act concerning a seminary of learning in the Territory of Michigan," are hereby granted and conveyed to the State, to be appropriated solely to the use and support of such university, in such manner as the Legislature may prescribe: *And provided, also,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair or affect in any way the rights of any person or persons claiming any of said seventy-two sections of land, under contract or grant from said university.

Third. That five entire sections of land, to be selected and located under the direction of the Legislature, in legal divisions of not less than one-quarter section, from any of the unappropriated lands belonging to the United States within the said State, are hereby granted to the State for the purpose of completing the public buildings of the said State, or for the erection of public buildings at the seat of Government of the said State, as the Legislature may determine and direct.

Fourth. That all salt springs within the State, not exceeding twelve in number, with six sections of land adjoining, or as contiguous as may be to each, shall be granted to the said State for its use, the same to be selected by the Legislature thereof, on or before the first of January, eighteen hundred and forty; and the same, when so selected, to be used on such terms, conditions and regulations, as the Legislature of the said State shall direct: *Provided,* That no salt spring, the right whereof is now vested in any individual or individuals, or which may hereafter be confirmed or adjudged to any individual or individuals shall, by this section, be granted to said State: *And provided, also,* That the General Assembly shall never sell or lease the same, at any one time, for a longer period than ten years, without the consent of Congress.

Fifth. That five per cent. of the nett proceeds of the sales of all public lands lying within the said State, which have been or shall be sold by Congress, from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, (after deducting all the ex-

penses incident to the same,) shall be appropriated for making public roads and canals within the said State, as the Legislature may direct: *Provided*, That the five foregoing propositions herein offered are on the condition the Legislature of the said State, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the convention which framed the constitution of the said State, shall provide, by an ordinance irrevocable without the consent of the United States, that the said State shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil within the same by the United States, nor with any regulations Congress may find necessary for securing the title in such soil to the *bona fide* purchasers thereof; and that no tax shall be imposed on lands the property of the United States; and that in no case shall non-resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents; and that the bounty lands granted, or hereafter to be granted, for military services during the late war, shall, whilst they continue to be held by the patentees or their heirs, remain exempt from any tax laid by order or under the authority of the State, whether for State, county, township, or any other purpose, for the term of three years from and after the date of the patents respectively.

Approved, June 23, 1836.

ACT OF MAY 20, 1828—4 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 179.

AN ACT to appropriate lands for the support of Schools in certain townships and fractional townships, not before provided for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That to make provision for the support of schools, in all townships or fractional townships for which no land has been heretofore appropriated for that use in those States in which section number sixteen, or other land equivalent thereto, is by law directed to be reserved for the support of schools, in each township, there shall be reserved and appropriated, for the use of schools, in

each entire township, or fractional township, for which no land has been heretofore appropriated or granted for that purpose, the following quantities of land, to wit: for each township or fractional township, containing a greater quantity of land than three-quarters of an entire township, one section; for a fractional township, containing a greater quantity of land than one-half, and not more than three-quarters of a township, three-quarters of a section; for a fractional township, containing a greater quantity of land than one-quarter, and not more than one-half of a township, one-half section; and for a fractional township, containing a greater quantity of land than one entire section, and not more than one-quarter of a township, one-quarter section of land.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid tracts of land shall be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any unappropriated public land within the land district where the township for which any tract is selected may be situated; and when so selected, shall be held by the same tenure, and upon the same terms, for the support of schools, in such township, as section number sixteen is, or may be held, in the State where such township shall be situated.

Approved, May 20, 1826.

1 ACT OF MAY 20, 1826—4 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 180.

AN ACT concerning a Seminary of Learning in the Territory of Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to set apart and reserve from sale, out of any public lands within the territory of Michigan, to which the Indian title may be extinguished, and not otherwise appropriated, a quantity of land, not exceeding two entire townships, for the use and support of an University within the territory aforesaid, and for no other use or purpose whatsoever, to be located in tracts of land corres-

ponding with any of the legal divisions into which the public lands are authorized to be surveyed, not less than one section, one of which said townships, so set apart and reserved from sale, shall be in lieu of an entire township of land, directed to be located in said territory for the use of a seminary of learning therein, by an act of Congress entitled "An act making provision for the disposal of the public lands in the Indian territory, and for other purposes," approved March twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and four.

Approved, May 20, 1826.

ACT OF JAN. 13, 1830—4 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 370.

AN ACT to authorize the exchange of certain lots of land between the University of Michigan territory, and Martin Baum and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Trustees of the University of Michigan be, and they are hereby, authorized to exchange with Martin Baum and others, the tracts of land designated as river lots, number one and two, in the United States' reserve of twelve miles square, on the Miami of Lake Erie, heretofore purchased from the United States, and which, having been relinquished by the said Martin Baum under the provisions of the act of the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, for the relief of the purchasers of the public lands, were afterwards selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, for the said University, under the provisions of the act of the twentieth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, entitled "An act concerning a seminary of learning in the territory of Michigan," for such other lands as may be agreed upon by them; and the President of the United States, upon being advised by the said Trustees that such exchange has been made, is hereby authorized and required to issue patents in such manner as may be necessary to carry this act into full effect.

Approved January 13, 1830.

ACT OF MARCH 3, 1847—9 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 181.

AN ACT to give the consent of Congress to the sale of certain Salt Spring Lands, heretofore granted to the State of Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the State of Michigan shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to sell, in such manner as the Legislature of said State shall by law direct, the Salt Spring lands granted to said State for its use, by an act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled an act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union, on certain conditions, approved June 23, 1836.

Approved March 3, 1847.

[45,849.15 Acres, applied to Asylum and Normal School Fund.]

ACT OF AUGUST 26, 1852—10 U. S. STATUTES AT LARGE, 30.

AN ACT to confirm to the State of Michigan certain lands selected for saline purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the selections and locations by the State of Michigan, of the lands lying in said State, described as sections numbered two, three, four, five, eight, nine, ten, eleven, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-one and twenty-two, in Township seven North, of Range fourteen East, heretofore made under and by virtue of the fourth proposition contained in the first section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act to establish the northern boundary line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the admission of the State of Michigan into the Union on certain conditions,'" approved June 23d, 1836, be, and the same are hereby, recognized as valid, and confirmed to said State, in lieu of twelve other sections which were incorrectly noted as confirmations under said act, by reason of an erroneous inter-