SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That all lots in villages, towns, and cities shall be exempted from, and not subject to, the operations of this act. Lots in villages, towns, and cities exempted from this act.

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CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act relating to Lands granted to the State of Minnesota to aid in constructing Railroads.* July 13, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall appear that the United States have sold or disposed of any lands granted to the Territory or State of Minnesota for the purpose of aiding in the construction of railroads, after the definite location of the line of road, and before the withdrawal of said lands from sale at the proper local land office, said State may by its agent select, in lieu of the lands so sold or disposed of, from any of the lands of the United States subject to sale, being odd numbered sections, within twenty miles of the line of the proper road, a quantity of land equal to that so sold or disposed of; and the lands so selected shall be substituted for those so sold or disposed of by the United States, and may be disposed of by said State in all respects as if said substituted lands had been parcel of the original grant to the State. *Provided, however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to diminish the quantity of land granted by act of May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to the State of Minnesota to aid in the construction of a railroad from St. Paul to Lake Superior. Lands may be selected by Minnesota in lieu of lands sold or disposed of within limits of grants. Amounts granted not limited hereby. 1864, ch. 79. Vol. xiii. p. 64.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the time named in the act granting lands to the Territory of Minnesota to aid in the construction of a certain railroad, "from Saint Paul and from Saint Anthony, by the way of Minneapolis, to a convenient point of junction west of the Mississippi river, to the southern boundary of the Territory," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, for the construction and completion of said road, is hereby extended for seven years from the passage of this act. Time for completing railroad from St. Paul, &c. extended. 1857, ch. 99, § 4. Vol. xi. p. 196.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the lands heretofore granted to the Territory and State of Minnesota to aid in the construction of railroads, shall be certified to said State by the Secretary of the Interior, from time to time, whenever any of said roads shall be definitely located, and shall be disposed of by said State in the manner and upon the conditions provided in the particular act granting the same, as modified by the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That when the original quantity granted to aid in the construction of any road has been increased, the quantity authorized to be sold from time to time shall be increased correspondingly: *And provided, further*, That on the completion of any ten miles of road, the State may sell one half the quantity of lands which said State is authorized to dispose of on the completion of twenty miles. Lands granted, how to be certified and disposed of. If original grant has been increased. State may sell, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands granted by any act of Congress to the State of Minnesota, to aid in the construction of railroads in said State, specifically, lying in place, on any division of ten miles of road, shall not be disposed of until the road shall be completed through and coterminous with the same: *Provided, however*, That this provision shall not extend to any lands authorized to be taken to make up deficiencies. Lands granted to the State, on any ten miles of road, not to be disposed of until, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act as conflicts with the provisions of this act is hereby repealed. Repeal of inconsistent laws.

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