

AN ACT for the relief of the Purchasers of the Public Lands, prior to the first day of July 1820.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where lands have been purchased from the United States, prior to the first day of July, 1820, it shall be lawful for any such purchaser or other person, or persons, being the legal holder of any certificate, or certificates, of land, on or before the 30th day of September, 1821, to file with the register of the land office where any tract has been purchased a relinquishment in writing of any section, half section, quarter section, half quarter section, or legal subdivision of any fractional section of land so purchased, upon which the whole purchase money has not been paid, and all sums paid on account of the part relinquished shall be applied to the discharge of any instalments which may be, or shall hereafter become due and payable upon such land, so purchased, as shall not have been relinquished, and shall be so applied and credited as to complete the payment on one or more half quarter sections where the payments by transfer are sufficient for that purpose: *Provided*, That all divisions, and subdivisions contemplated by this act, shall be made in conformity with the first section of an act making further provision for the sale of public lands, passed the 24th day of April, 1820: *And provided also*, That the right of relinquishment hereby given shall, in no case, authorize the party relinquishing to claim any repayment from the United States: *And provided also*, That where any purchaser has purchased, at the same time, two or more quarter sections, he shall not be permitted to relinquish less than a quarter section.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the interest which shall have accrued before the 30th day of September next, upon any debt to the United States, for public land, shall be, and the same is hereby remitted and discharged.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons indebted to the United States as aforesaid, shall be divided into three classes; the first class to include all such persons as shall have paid to the United States only one fourth part of the original price of the land by them respectively purchased or held; the second class to include all such persons as shall have paid to the United States only one half part of such original price; and the third class to include all such persons as shall have paid to the United States three-fourth parts of such original price; and the debts of the persons included in the first class shall be paid in eight equal annual instalments; the debts of the persons included in the second class shall be paid in six equal annual instalments; and the debts of the persons included in the third class shall be paid in four equal annual instalments; the first of which instalments in each of the classes aforesaid shall be paid in manner following, to wit: of the third class, on the 30th day of September next; of the second class on the 31st day of December next; and of the first class, on the 31st day of March, 1822; and the whole of the debt aforesaid, shall bear an annual interest of six per cent: *Provided always*, That the same shall be remitted upon each and every of the instalments aforesaid which shall be punctually paid when the same shall become payable as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That

in all cases where complete payment of the whole sum due, or which may become due, for any tract of land purchased from the United States aforesaid shall be made on or before the 31st day of September, 1822, a deduction at the rate of 37½ per centum, shall be allowed upon the sum remaining unpaid: *Provided* That nothing herein contained shall authorize any discount upon payments made by a transfer of former payments under the provisions of the first section of this act.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That each and every individual or company, that has laid off, any lands by him or them purchased of the United States, any town, a part or the whole of the lots whereof have been sold, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act in relation to any half quarter, or quarter section of land, on which such town may be situated, and of all lands by him or them owned, contiguous to and adjoining said half-quarter, quarter section, on which said town is situated, upon condition only; that each and every person who has purchased of him, or them, a town lot, or part of a lot, or land in and adjoining the same, shall be entitled to a remission of all interest that has accrued, and to a discount of twenty per centum on the amount unpaid, and to discharge their debt by bonds, with security, in equal annual instalments of four years, from the 13th day of December next. Nor shall the provisions of this act be construed to extend to any person or persons claiming title to land under the provisions of an act passed the 3d day of March 1817, entitled "an act to set apart and dispose of certain public lands for the encouragement of the cultivation of the vine and olive."

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, for failure to pay the several debts aforesaid, in manner aforesaid, and for the term of three months after the day appointed for the payment of the last instalment thereof, in each of the classes aforesaid, the land so purchased or held by the respective persons indebted to the United States as aforesaid, shall, ipso facto, become forfeited, and revert to the United States.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, no person shall be deemed to be included within, or entitled to, the benefit of any of the provisions of this act, who shall not, on or before the 13th day of September next, sign, and file in the office of the Register of the Land Office of the district where the land was purchased or where the residue of the purchase money is payable, a declaration in writing, expressing his consent to the same, and shall pay to the Register, for receiving, recording, and filing the same, fifty cents.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That, it shall be, and hereby is made the duty of the several Registers and Receivers of the Land offices of the United States, according to the forms and instructions which shall be given in that behalf by the Treasury Department, to assist in carrying this act into execution, to keep full and faithful accounts and records of all proceedings under the same; and, within the term of three months after the said 13th day of September next, to transmit to the said department a correct report of the quantity of land relinquished to the United States; the quantity on which full payment shall have been made; and the quantity on which a further credit shall have been given, dis-

tinguishing the amount of the debt on which further credit shall have been allowed; and the Registers and Receivers, respectively, shall be entitled to receive fifty cents from the party relinquishing, for each half quarter section, quarter section, half section, section, or legal subdivision of a fractional section, so relinquished.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, no lands purchased from the United States, on or before the first day of July, 1820, which are not already forfeited, shall be considered as forfeited to the government, for failure in completing the payment thereon, until the said 13th day of September next; and all the lands which shall be relinquished to the United States, as aforesaid, shall be deemed and hold to be forfeited, and, with all other lands which may become forfeited under this act, shall be sold according to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act making further provisions for the sale of the public lands," passed the 24th day of April, 1820.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That, no land which shall be surrendered under the provisions of this act, shall be offered for sale for the term of two years after the surrender thereof.

Approved,—March 2, 1821,

JAMES MONROE.

Sale For Taxes

I SHALL expose to sale at public auction on the 7th day of April next, at the court house in the town of Washington Daviess County Indiana, the following tracts of land, and town lots, if not sooner paid for the taxes due thereon for the years 1819 and 1820, and all legal costs.

Persons Names.	Ac.	Q.S.	Sec.	T.R.
John Case,	43½		7	22 16
Julius Dugger,	3			
Andrew Davison,	200		f. 13	16
James Davison,	396		f. 13	16
John Flint,	27½			27
Levi Gifford,	100			
Alexander Hays,	160	s. w.	9	16
John Johnston, deed'	153		6	27
Toussaint Dubois,	750			37
Edward Johnson,	640		17	56
Thomas Jones,	139	n. e.	5	27
David Kelso,	40			
William Morreson,	1200			37
John Morris,	160	n. w.	8	56
William McIntosh,	300			37
John Smith,	100	n. w.	3	27
Carpus Shaw,	160			
William Stephenson,	60	s. w.	9	15
Jonathan Lindley,	160	n. e.	24	85

Lots in the town of Washington

Nos. 30, 34, 35, 45, 76, 104, 79, 100, 82, 116, 15, 1, 2, 174, 213, 96, 14, 38, 10, 59, 4, 25, 50, 19, 60, 20, 91, 143, 60, 40, 75, 80, 81, 85, 55, 50, 49, 4, 142.

DANIEL COMER, *Saff. D. C.*

February, 22d, 1821.

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BROWN & KINNEY,

WILL in future practice LAW in conjunction, in the counties of Davis, Knox, Sullivan, Vigo, Martin, Dubois and Pike, and in the Supreme Court. One of them will at all times be found in their office at Washington, except during the session of court.

All orders and CONVEYANCING will be punctually attended to.

Washington, April 10, 1820. 20tf

One Hundred Dollars Reward.

RE ANAWAY about the 20th day of October last, from Samuel Hopkins, esq. in Henderson county, Kentucky, a mulatto man slave by the name of

Gordon,

belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Buckner, of Paris, Bourbon county, Ky. the said slave is a large well made man, nearly six feet high, of a yellow complexion, slow of speech, and of humble deportment, a cooper by trade, seems well acquainted with common carpenter's tools, and can make good shoes, he can possibly write and read indifferently, has worked at the United States Saline some time since for Messrs. Talbot & Fisher, as a cooper for several years, was raised near Fredericksburg, Virginia—he took with him when he went away a long black broad cloth coat and pantaloons, and sundry articles of clothing not made up, which he may have exchanged for ready made clothes. It is believed he may have gone far into the interior of Indiana, Illinois or Ohio, or is attempting to get to Canada. The above reward should be taken up out of this state I am authorized to offer to any person who will take up said slave and deliver him to the owner in Bourbon county, or to me in the town of Henderson, or secure him in some jail in this state so that the owner gets him, or fifty dollars if taken up within this state.

JAMES HILLYER.

Henderson, Ky. Feb. 12, 1821.—8-9t

BOARD of TRUSTEES of the Borough of Vincennes, in Common Council met, March 19th, 1821.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Board advertise in the Western Sun, for three weeks, that the Board of Trustees will at their next stated meeting, on the third Monday in April, 1821, proceed in the investigation and confirmation or rejection of the claims to town lots, which have been filed upwards of three months, and that the Board are now prepared to receive any additional claims, and act thereon according to law.

A true copy—Test,

G. R. C. SULLIVAN, *Cik.*

Sheriff's Sale for Taxes.

I WILL expose to sale at the court-house door in the town of Springfield, in Posey county, Indiana, on the 14th day of April next, the following lots in the towns of Springfield and Cynthia, or as much thereof as will pay the tax and costs thereon, if not sooner paid.

Lots in the town of Springfield.

Nos. 8, 9, 89, 90, 91, 85, 70, 63, 36, 3, 44, 58, 51, 41, 138, 175, 174, 173, 188, 187, 4, 59, 64, 10, 2, 14, 5, half of 16, and half of 16.

Lots in Cynthia.

Nos. 23, 5, 30, 39, 21, 16, half of 6, half of 7.

WM. BOYLE, *S.P.C.*

March 9th, 1821.

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TAKEN UP, by James Gregory, of Owen county Washington township, one bay mare, 3 years old next spring, 13 hands and a half high, a star and snip a little white on the near hind foot, a black and white tail, slim legs, appraised to \$20 by John Gregory and Moses Hicks, before me, this 29th day of January, 1821,

DANIEL JOHNSON *J. P. O. O.*

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