

claiming such lands, shall be allowed to hold exempt from taxation, the one-fourth of the one-fourth section whereon the same may be situated, with all improvements thereon, not exceeding one thousand dollars in value.

Sec. 2. The exemptions provided for in this act shall continue and be in force for the term of ten years from and after the planting of the timber aforesaid. Exemptions shall continue in force how long

Sec. 3. The change of ownership of the lands referred to in this act, shall in no way change the operation of this act; Change of ownership *Provided*, The owner or claimant of said lands shall protect and keep the timber as aforesaid, in a good growing condition.

Sec. 4. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. Acts conflictor repealed

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor. To take effect when approved

Approved, Jan. 5, 1869.

## TOWNSITES.

### CHAPTER 27.

AN ACT SUPPLEMENTARY TO AN ACT ENTITLED  
 "AN ACT IN RELATION TO TOWNSITES ENTERED  
 AS SUCH UNDER THE ACT OF CONGRESS, AP-  
 PROVED MARCH 2d, 1867," APPROVED DECEM-  
 BER 18th, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory  
 of Dakota :*

Section 1. That whenever any tract of land shall have been settled upon and entered as a townsite under the provisions of

When land shall have been settled and entered as a townsite under the provisions of the act of Congress, not included within the limits of any incorporated town or city. Petitions shall be recorded where. Provided

Provided further

Act to take effect  
—When

the act of congress of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled an act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands, and the act of congress of June eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands, approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; in case that the said townsite so entered is not included within the limits of an incorporated town or city, it shall be the duty of the person or officer so entering the said townsite or his successor in office to dispose of and convey by deed or deeds, the land by him so entered as may be directed by a petition signed by not less than two-thirds of the citizens or occupants of said townsite; and he is hereby authorized and empowered to convey and dispose of said land as specified in said petition, which petition shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which said townsite was situated; *Provided, however,* That he shall deed to such *bona fide* occupant the lot or lots or parcels of lands by said occupant so occupied on said townsite, on the date of the entry of said townsite; *Provided, further,* That if the said townsite shall have been surveyed into lots, blocks, streets, and alleys prior to the entry of said townsite, the person entering the same, may convey the same as hereinbefore prescribed without first making a resurvey of said town.

Sec. 29 This act shall take effect from after and its passage and approval.

Approved, January 12th, 1869.