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ABSTRACT OF TITLE

TO

Certain Lands in Dade and

Lee Counties, Florida,

Embraced in Patent No. 137.

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Abstract of Title to certain lands in Dade and Lee Counties, patented by the United States of America to the State of Florida under act of congress, approved September 26th, 1850, embraced in Gainesville patent, No. 137, dated April 29th, 1903, to-wit:

The even numbered sections except 16, in following townships.

T. 44	R. 35	T. 44	R. 36
45	35	45	36
46	35	46	36
43	34	44	34
45	34	46	34

The Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 2; the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 4; the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 8, and section 10, T 45, R 33 and section 8, 10, 12, and 14; the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of 18; all sections 22, 24, 26 and 36 in T 44, R 33.

TREATY CEDING FLORIDA TO THE UNITED STATES.

*Treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, between the
United States of America and His Catholic
Majest.*

The United States of America and His Catholic Majesty, desiring to consolidate, on a permanent basis the friendship and good correspondence which happily prevailed between the two parties, have determined to settle and terminate all their differences and pretensions by a treaty, which shall designate, with precision, the limits of their respective bordering territories in North America.

With this intention, the President of the United States has furnished with their full powers John Quincy Adams, Secretary of State of the said United States and His Catholic Majesty has appointed the most excellent Lord Don Luis de Onis Gonzalez Lopez y Vara, lord of the town of Rayaces, perpetual regidor of the corporation of the city of Salamanca, knight grand cross of the royal American order of Isabella the Catholic, decorated with the lys of La Vendee, knight-pensioner of the royal and distinguished Spanish order of Charles the Third, member of the supreme assembly of the said royal order, of the council of His Catholic Majesty, his secretary, with exercise of decrees, and his envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary near the United States of America.

And the said plenipotentiaries, after having exchanged their powers, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles:

Article 1. There shall be a firm and inviolable peace

and sincere friendship between the United States and their citizens, and His Catholic Majesty, his successors and subjects, without exception of persons or places.

Art. 2. His Catholic Majesty cedes to the United States, in full property and sovereignty, all the territories which belong to him, situated to the eastward of the Mississippi, known by the names of East and West Florida. The adjacent islands dependant on said provinces, all public lots and squares, vacant lands, public edifices fortifications, barracks, and other buildings, which are not private property, archives and documents which relate directly to the property and sovereignty of said provinces, are included in this article. The said archives and documents shall be left in possession of the commissioners or officers of the United States duly authorized to receive them.

Art. 3. The boundary line between the two countries, west of the Mississippi, shall begin on the Gulf of Mexico, at the mouth of the river Sabine, in the sea; continuing north, along the western bank of that river, to the thirty-second degree of latitude; thence, by a line due north, to the degree of latitude where it strikes the Rio Roxo of Natchitoches, or Red river; then, following the course of the Rio Roxo, westward, to the degree of longitude one hundred west from London, and twenty-three from Washington; then crossing the said Red river, and running thence, by a line due north, to the river Arkansas; thence following the course of the southern bank of the Arkansas, to its source, in latitude forty-two degrees north; and, thence by that parallel of latitude to the South sea: the whole being as laid down in Melish's map of the United States published at Philadelphia, improved to the 1st of January, 1818. But, if the source of the Arkansas river shall be found to fall north or

south of latitude forty-two degrees, then the line shall run from the said source, due south or north, as the case may be, till it meets the said parallel of latitude forty-two degrees; and thence, along the said parallel, to the South sea: all the islands in the Sabine and the said Red and Arkansas rivers, throughout the course thus described, to belong to the United States; but the use of the waters, and the navigation of the Sabine to the sea, and of the said rivers Roxo and Arkansas, throughout the extent of the said boundary, on their respective banks, shall be common to the respective inhabitants of both nations. The two high contracting parties agree to cede and renounce all their rights, claims, and pretensions to the territories described by the said line, that is to say: The United States hereby cede to His Catholic Majesty, and renounce forever, all the rights, claims, and pretensions to the territories lying west and south of the above-described line; and, in like manner, His Catholic Majesty cedes to the said United States all his rights, claims, and pretensions to any territories east and north of the said line, and for himself, his heirs, and successors, renounces all claim to the said territories forever.

Art. 4. To fix this with more precision, and to place the landmarks which shall designate exactly the limits of both nations, each of the contracting parties shall appoint a commissioner and a surveyor, who shall meet, before the termination of one year from the date of the ratification of the treaty, at Natchitoches, on Red river, and proceed to run and mark the said line, from the mouth of the Sabine to the Red river, and from the Red river to river Arkansas, and to ascertain the latitude of the source of the said river Arkansas, in conformity to what is above agreed upon and stipulated, and the line of latitude forty-two degrees, to the South sea; they

shall make out plans and keep journals of their proceedings, and the result agreed upon by them shall be considered as part of this treaty, and shall have the the same force as if it were inserted therein. The two Governments will amicably agree respecting the necessary articles to be furnished to those persons, and also to their respective escorts, should such be deemed necessary.

Art. 5. The inhabitants of the ceded territories shall be secured in the free exercise of their religion, without any restriction; and all those who may desire to move to the Spanish dominions shall be permitted to sell or export their effects at any time whatever, without being subject, in either case, to duties.

Art. 6. The inhabitants of the territories which His Catholic Majesty cedes to the United States by this treaty shall be incorporated in the Union of the United States, as soon as may be consistent with the principles of the federal constitution, and admitted to the enjoyment of all the privileges, rights, and immunities of the citizens of the United States.

Art. 7. The officers and troops of His Catholic Majesty in the territories hereby cede by him to the United States shall be withdrawn, and possession of places occupied by them shall be given within six months after the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty, or sooner if possible, by the officers of His Catholic Majesty, to the commissioners or officers of the United States duly appointed to receive them; and the United States shall furnish the transports and escort necessary to convey the Spanish officers and troops and their baggage to the Havana.

Art. 8. All the grants of land made before the 24th of January, 1818, by His Catholic Majesty, by his lawful authorities, in the said territories ceded by His Majesty to the United States, shall be ratified and confirmed to the persons in possession of the lands, to the same extent that the same grants would be valid if the territories had remained under the dominion of His Catholic Majesty. But the owners in possession of such lands, who, by reason of the recent circumstances of the Spanish nation, and the revolutions in Europe, have been provided from fulfilling all the conditions of their grants, shall complete them within the terms limited in the same, respectively, from the date of this treaty; in default of which, the said grants shall be null and void. All grants made since the said 24th of January, 1818, when the first proposal, on the part of His Catholic Majesty, for the session of the Floridas was made are hereby declared and agreed to be null and void.

Art. 9. The two high contracting parties, animated with the most earnest desire of conciliation, and with the object of putting an end to all the differences which have existed between them, and of confirming the good understanding which they wish to be forever maintained between them, reciprocally renounce all claim for damages or injuries which they themselves, as well as their respective citizens and subjects may have suffered, until the time of signing this treaty.

The renunciation of the United States will extend:—

1. To all the injuries mentioned in the convention of the 11th of August, 1802.
2. To all claims on account of prizes made by French privateers, and condemned by French consuls, within the territory and jurisdiction of Spain.

fairs of His Majesty, or to his minister in the United States

And the high contracting parties uspectively renounce all claim to indemnities for any of the recent events or transactions of their respective commanders and officers in the Floridas.

The United States will cause satisfaction to be made for the injuries, if any, which by process of law, shall be established to have been suffered by the Spanish officers and individual Spanish inhabitants, by the late operations of the American army in Florida.

Art. 10. The convention entered into between the two Governments on the 11th of August, 1802, the ratifications of which exchanged the 21st December, 1818, is annuelled.

Art. 11. The United States, exonerating Spain from all demands in future, on account of the claims of their citizens, to which the denunciations herein contained, and considering them entirely cancelled, undertake to make satisfaction for the same, to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars. To ascertain the full amount and validity of those claims, a commission, to consist of three commissioners, citizens of the United States, shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; which commission, shall meet at the city of Washington, and, within the space of three years from the time of their first meeting shall receive, examine, and decide upon the amount and validity of all the claims included within the descriptions above mentioned. The said commissioners shall take an oath or affirmation to be entered on the record of their proceedings, for the faithful and diligent discharge of their duties; and, in case of the death, sickness or necessary absence of any such commisioner, his

place may be supplied by the appointment as aforesaid, or by the President of the United States during the recess of the Senate, of another commissioner in his stead. The said commissioners shall be authorized to hear and examine, on oath, every question relative to the said claims, and to receive all suitable authentic testimony concerning the same. And the Spanish Government shall furnish all such documents and elucidations as may be in their possession, for the adjustment of the said claims, according to the principles of justice, the laws of nations, and the stipulations of the treaty between the two parties of 27th October, 1795; the said documents to be specified when demanded at the instance of the said commissioners.

The payment of such claims as may be admitted and adjusted by the said commissioners, or major part of them, to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars, shall be made by the United States, either immediately at their Treasury, or by the creation of stock bearing an interest of six per cent per annum, payable from the proceeds of public lands within the territories hereby ceded to the United States, or in such other manner as the Congress of the United States prescribe by law.

The records of the proceedings of the said commissioners, together with the vouchers and documents produced before them, relative to the claims to be adjusted and decided upon by them, shall after the close of their transactions, be deposited in the Department of State of the United States; and copies of them, or any part of them, shall be furnished to the Spanish Government, if required, at the demand of the Spanish minister in the United States.

Art. 12. The treaty of limits and navigation of 1795 remains confirmed in all and each one of its articles, ex-

cepting the second, third, fourth, and twenty-first, and the second clause of the twenty-second article, which having been altered by this treaty, or received their entire execution, are no longer valid.

With respect to the fifteenth article of the same treaty of friendship, limits, and navigation, of 1795, in which it is stipulated that the flag shall cover the property, the two high contracting parties agree that this shall be so understood with respect to those Powers who recognise this principle; but, if either of the two contracting parties shall be at war with a third party, and the other neutral, the flag of the neutral shall cover the property of enemies whose Government acknowledges this principle, and not of others.

Art. 13. Both contracting parties, wishing to favor their mutual commerce, by affording in their ports every necessary assistance to their respective merchant vessels, have agreed that the sailors who shall desert from their vessels in the ports of the other shall be arrested and delivered or, at the instance of the consul, who shall prove, nevertheless, that the deserters belonged to the that claimed them, exhibiting the document that is customary in their nation; that is to say, the American consul in a Spanish port shall exhibit the document known by the name of articles, and the Spanish consul in American ports the roll of the vessel; and if the name of the deserter or deserters who are claimed shall appear in the one or the other, they shall be arrested, held in custody, and delivered to the vessel to which they shall belong.

Art. 14. The United States hereby certify that they have not received any compensation from France for the injuries they suffered from her privateers, consuls, and tribunals, on the coasts and in the ports of Spain, for the

satisfaction of which provision is made by this treaty; and they will present an authentic statement of the prizes made, and of their true value, that Spain may avail herself of the same in such manner as she deem just and proper.

Art. 15. The United States, to give His Catholic Majesty a proof of their desire to cement the relations of amity subsisting between the two nations, and to favor the commerce of the subjects of His Catholic Majesty, agree that Spanish vessels, coming laden only with productions of Spanish growth or manufactures, directly from the ports of Spain or of her colonies, shall be admitted for the term of twelve years to the ports of Pensacola and St. Augustine, in the Floridas, without paying other or higher duties on their cargoes, or of tonnage, than will be paid by the vessels of the United States. During the said term, no other nation shall enjoy the same privileges within the ceded territories. The twelve years shall commence three months after the exchange of the ratifications of this treaty.

Art. 16. The present treaty shall be ratified, in due form, by the contracting parties, and the ratifications shall be exchanged in six months from this time, or sooner if possible.

In witness whereof, we, the underwritten plenipotentiaries of the United States of America and of His Catholic Majesty, have signed, by virtue of our powers, the present treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, and have thereunto affixed our seals, respectively. Done at Washington, this twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, (seal.)
 LUIS DE ONIS. (seal.)

Resolution of the Senate advising ratification.

In Senate of the United States, February 24, 1819.

RESOLVED, (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring therein.) That the Senate do advise and consent to the ratification of the treaty of amity, settlement, and limits, made and concluded at Washington, on the 22d day of February, 1819, between the United States and His Catholic Majesty.

ATTESTS—CHARLES CUTTS, Secretary.

ACT OF CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

CHAP. XLVIII. An Act for the admission of the States of Iowa and Florida into the Union. (a).

Whereas, the people of the Territory of Iowa did, on the seventh day of October, eighteen hundred and forty-four, by a convention of delegates called and assembled for that purpose, form for themselves a constitution and State government; And Whereas, the people of the Territory of Florida did, in like manner, by their delegates, on the eleventh day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, form for themselves a constitution and State government, both of which said constitutions are republican; and said conventions having asked the admission of their respective Territories into the Union as States, on equal footing with the original States.

Be is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the States of Iowa and Florida be, and the same are hereby, declared to be States of the United States of America, and are hereby admitted into the Union on equal footing with the original States, in all respects whatsoever.

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Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said State of Florida shall embrace the territories of East and West Florida, which by the treaty of amity, settlement and limits between the United States and Spain, on the twenty-second day of February, eighteen hundred and nineteen, were ceded to the United States.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That said States of Iowa and Florida are admitted into the Union on the express condition that they shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the public lands lying within them, nor levy any tax on the same whilst remaining the property of the United States: Provided, That the ordinance of the convention that formed the constitution of Iowa, and which is appended to the said constitution, shall not be deemed or take to have any effect or validity, or to be recognized as in any manner obligatory upon the Government of the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1845.

Pages 742 and 743, Vol. 5, United States Statutes at large.

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Chap. LXXV. An Act supplemental to the act for the admission of Florida and Iowa into the Union, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled State of Florida in respect to the public lands, there be State of Florida in respect to the public lands, there be granted to the State eight entire sections of land for the purpose of fixing their seat of Government; also, section number sixteen in every township, or other lands equivalent thereto, for the use of the inhabitants of such township, for the support of public schools; also two entire townships of land, in addition to the two townships already reserved, for the use of two seminaries of learning, one to be located east, and the other west of the Suwannee river; also, five per centum of the net proceeds of the sale of lands within said State, which shall be hereafter sold by Congress, after deducting all ex-

penses incident to the same; and which said net proceeds shall be applied by said State for the purposes of education.

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Approved, March 3, 1845.

Page 788 Vol. 5, United States Statutes at large.

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Chap. LXXXIV. An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the "Swamp Lands" within their limits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That to enable the State of Arkansas to construct the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp and overflow lands therein, the whole of those swamp and overflowed lands, made unfit thereby for cultivation, which shall remain unsold at the passage of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby, granted to said State.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as may be practicable after the passage of this act, to make out an accurate list and plats of the lands described as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the Governor of the State of Arkansas, and at the request of said Governor, cause a patent to be issued to the State therefor; and on that patent, the fee simple to said lands shall vest in the said State of Arkansas, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof: Provided, however, That the proceeds of said lands, whether from sale or by direct appropriation in kind, shall be applied, exclusively, as far as necessary, to the purpose of reclaiming said lands by means of the levees and drains aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in making out a list and plats of the land aforesaid, all legal subdivisions, the greater part of which is "wet and unfit for cultivation," shall be included in said list and plats; but when the greater part of a subdivision is not of that character, the whole of it shall be excluded therefrom.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act be extended to, and their benefits be conferred upon, each of the other States of the Union in which such swamp and overflowed lands, known as designated as aforesaid, may be situated.

Approved, September 28, 1850.

Page 519 & 520, United States Statutes At Large, Vol. 9.

AN ACT to Provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements in this State.

WHEREAS, The Constitution of this State declares "that a liberal system of Internal Improvements, being essential to the development of the resources of the country, shall be encouraged by the government of this State, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly, as soon as practicable, to ascertain by law, proper objects of improvement in relation to roads, canals and navigable streams, and to provide for a suitable application of such funds as may be appropriated for such improvements," therefore—

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That so much of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to this State for Internal Improvement purposes, by an act of Congress, passed the third day of March, A. D. 1845, as remains unsold, and the proceeds of the sales of such of said lands heretofore

sold as now remain on hand and unappropriated, and all proceeds that may hereafter accrue from the sales of said lands; also all the swamp land or lands subject to overflow, granted to this State by an act of Congress, approved September 28, A.D. 1850 together with all the proceeds that have accred or may hereafter accrue to the State from the sale of said lands, are hereby set apart and declared a distinct and separate fund, to be called the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and are to be strictly applied according to the provision of this act.

Sec. 2. *Be it further, enacted*, That for the purpose of assuring a proper application of said fund for the purposes herein declared, said lands and all the funds arising from the sale thereof, after paying the necessary expenses of selections, management and sale, are hereby irrevocably vested in five Trustees, to-wit: In the Governor of this State, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the State Treasurer, the Attorney-General and the Register of State Lands, and their successors in office, to hold the same in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter provided, with the power to sell and transfer said lands to the purchasers and receive payment for the same and invest the surplus moneys arising therefrom, from time to time.

Sec. 16. *Be it further enacted*, That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund shall hereafter fix the price of the public lands included in the trust, having due regard to their location, value for agricultural purposes, or on account of timber or naval stores, and make such arrangements for the drainage of the swamp or overflowed lands, as in their judgment may be most advantageous to the Internal Improvement Fund, and the settlement and cultivation of the land, and the said Trustees shall encourage actual settlement and cultivation of said

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS, By the act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the "Swamp Lands" within their limits, it is provided that all the "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," made unfit thereby for cultivation, within the State of Florida, which remained unsold at the passage of said act, shall be granted to said State:

AND WHEREAS, In pursuance of instructions from the General Land Office of the United States, the several tracts or parcels of land hereinafter described have been selected as "Swamp and Overflowed Lands," inuring to the said State under the act aforesaid, situate in the District of Lands subject to sale at Gainesville, Florida, to-wit:

The Everglades, being the swamp and overflowed lands within the following metes and bounds; commencing at the south-west corner of T. 60 S., R. 37 E., where the west line of said township touches the water, then run north along said west line of said T. 60 S., R. 37 E., to the north-west corner of said township, then east along the north line of said township to the south-west corner of T. 59 S., R. 38 E., thence north along the west line of Tps. 59, 58 and 57 S., range 38 E., to the north-west corner of T. 57 S., R. 38 E., thence east along the north line of said T. 57 to the north-east corner of Sec. 6, T. 57 S., R. 38 E., thence north along the west line of Secs. 32, 29, 20, 17, 8 and 5 of T. 56 S., R. 38 E., to the north-west corner of sec. 5, thence east along the north line of T. 56 S., R. 38 E., to the south-west cor-

ner of T. 55 R. 39, thence north along the west line of said T. 55, to the north-west corner of said township, thence east along the north line of T. 55 Rgs. 39 and 40, to the north-west corner of Sec. 3, of said T. 55 R. 40, thence north along the west line of Secs. 34 and 27 T. 54 S., R. 40 E., to the north-west corner of Sec. 27, thence east along the north line of Sec. 27, to the north-east corner of said section, thence north along the west line of Secs. 23, 14, 11 and 2 of T. 54 R. 40, to the south-west corner of Sec. 2, thence east along the north line of Secs. 2 and 1, of said T. 54 to the north-east corner of Sec. 1, thence north along the west line of Tps. 53 and 52 S., 41 E., to the south-west corner of T. 52, thence east along the north line of T. 52 R. 41, to the north-east corner of said township, thence north along the west line of Tps. 51, 50, 49, 48, and 47 R. 42, to the north-east corner of said T. 47, thence west along the north line of T. 47 to the north-west corner of Sec. 2 T. 47, thence north along the west line of Secs. 35, 26, 23, 14 and 11 of T. 46 R. 41, to the north-west corner of Sec. 11, thence east along the north line of Sec. 11 T. 46 to the middle of said section, thence north along the middle line of Sec. 2 T. 46 R. 41 and Sec. 35 T. 45 R. 41 to the middle of the south line of Sec. 26 in T. 45 R. 41, thence west along the south line of Sec. 26 to the south-west cor. of said sec., thence north along the west line of secs. 26, 23, 14, 11 and 2 of T. 45, R. 41, to the n. w. corner of Sec. 2, thence west along the south line of T. 44 R. 41, to the south-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of said T. 44 to the north-west corner of said township, thence west along the south line of T. 43 R. 40, to the south-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of said T. 43 to the north-west corner of said township, thence west along the north line of T. 43 R. 39

to the north-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of T. 42 R. 39 to the north-west corner of said township, thence north along the west line of T. 41 R. 39 to the south-west corner of Sec. 19 T. 41 R. 39, thence west along the north line of Sec. 24 T. 41 R. 38, to the south-west corner of said Sec. 24, thence north along the west line of said section 24 to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the south line of Sec. 14 said T. 41 R. 38, to the south-west corner thereof, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 14, to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the south line of Sec. 10, same T. and R., to the south-west corner of said section, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 10, to the north-west corner of said section, thence west along the south line of Sec. 4, same township, to the south-west corner of said section, thence north along the west line of said Sec. 4, to the north-west corner thereof, thence west along the north line of T. 41 Rgs. 38 and 37 to the waters of Lake Okeechobee, thence southerly and westerly around the shores of Lake Okeechobee and northerly along said lake to a point in T. 41 S. R. 32 E., where the north line of said township strikes the lake, thence west on the N. T. line of T. 41 R. 32, to the north-east corner of lot 1 of Sec. 5, in said T. 41 R. 32, thence along the meander line, in a southerly direction, of Secs. 5, 8, 17, 16, 21, 28, 32, and 31, in T. 41 R. 32, thence southerly along the meander line of Sec. 6, T. 42 R. 32, thence along the meander line south-westerly of Secs. 1, 11, 14, 22, 21, 28, 29 and 30 of T. 42 R. 31, thence south along the west line of said T. 42 R. 31, to the south-west corner thereof, thence east along the north line of T. 43 R. 31 E., to the north-east corner of fractional Sec. 4, thence south along the east lines of fractional section 4 and of Sec. 9, to the south-east corner of said Sec.

9, thence east along the north line of Sec. 15 to the north-east corner of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 15, thence south along the east line of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ and W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 15, and the east line of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 22, to the south-east corner of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 22, same township, thence east along the middle line of Sec. 22, to the north-east corner of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 22, thence south to the center of Sec. 34, in the same township, thence east along the middle line of sections 34, 35 and 36, to the east township, line, thence from the north-east corner of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 36, to the south-east corner of said section, thence east along the north line of T. 44, S., R. 32 E., to the north-east corner of said T. 44 S., R. 32 E., thence south along the east line of said township 44 to the south-east corner thereof, thence east along the north line of T. 45, R. 33, to the north-east corner of said T. 45, thence south along the east line of Tps. 45 and 46 R. 33, to the south-east cor. of T. 46, thence east along the north line of T. 47, R. 34, to the north-east corner of lot 1 Sec. 5 T. 47 S. R., 34 E., thence south to the center of Sec. 5, thence east to the north-east corner of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, thence south along the east line of Secs. 5, 8, 17 and 20, to the north-east corner of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 20, thence east to the center of Sec. 21, thence south along the middle line of Secs. 21 and 28, to the south-east corner of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 28, thence east along the south line of Sec. 28, to the north-east corner of Sec. 33, thence south along the east line of Sec. 33 of said T. 47 R. 34, to the south-east corner of said Sec. 33, thence east along the north line of T. 48 R. 34 to the north-east corner of said township, thence south along the east line of Tps. 48 and 49 to the south-east corner of T. 49 R. 34, thence west along the south line

of said T. 49 to the south-west corner of said T. 49 S., R. 34 E., thence south along the east line of T. 50 R. 33, to the S. E. corner thereof, thence east along the south line of T. 50 R. 34 to the south-east corner thereof, thence south along the west line of Tps. 51 and 52 to the south-east corner of T. 52 R. 34, thence west along the north line of T. 53 to the north-west corner of T. 53 R. 33, thence south along the west line of T. 53 R. 33, to the south-west corner thereof, thence west along the north line of T. 54 Rgs. 32, 31, 30 and 29 to the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, then following the main land in a southerly direction to the point of beginning in T. 60 S. R. 37 E., there are eliminated and excepted from the above all islands in the Gulf of Mexico adjacent to the main land; all of what would be the school sections if the lands were surveyed; and the following descriptions, viz:—

The S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, and the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 25 T. 50 S., R. 40 E., the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20 T. 50 S., R. 41 E., the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$, N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ and N. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1, and the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 2 T. 51 S., R. 41 E., as surveyed by special agent J. O. Fries in 1898, and as designated on a special plat approved November 16, 1899, accepted April 25, 1900, containing in the aggregate an estimated area of two million, eight hundred and sixty-two thousand and eighty (2,862,080.00) acres; and for which the Governor of the State of Florida did on the sixth day of April nineteen hundred and three, request a patent to be issued to the said State as required in the aforesaid act.

NOW THEREFORE, know ye, that the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the act of Congress aforesaid, have

given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said State of Florida, in fee simple, subject to the disposal of the Legislature thereof, the tracts of land above described. To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances thereto belonging, unto the said State Florida, in fee simple, and to its assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

(Imprint of the Seal of the General Land Office.)

Given under my hand at the city of Washington, the twenty-ninth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-seventh.

By the President:—T. Roosevelt,

By F. M. Mc Kean, Secretary.

849 C. H. Brush, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Recorded V. 3, pp. 333-336 inc.

Also filed in the office of Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, Florida.

ACT CREATING INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

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Chapter 610, Laws of Florida, approved Jan. 6, 1855. Now incorporated in the General Statutes of Florida, adopted in 1906, as Sections 616, 617, and 620.

The above Act of Congress granting swamp and overflowed lands to Florida, was accepted by Act of the Legislature of Florida, Chapter 332, Laws of 1851.

GRANT OF LAND TO L. & N. R. R. CO.,

Chapter 3335, Acts of Florida, approved March 4th, 1881, is a legislative enactment purporting to grant 20,000 acres of land per mile of railroad, to the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, for the construction of 161 miles of railroad from River Junction to Pensacola, &c., Florida under which act the Railroad Company and its assigns claims a definite acreage as an absolute grant. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have asserted, since 1901, that the swamp and overflowed lands granted to Florida under the Act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, were granted to said Trustees for express purposes and trusts by an absolute grant approved January 6th, 1855, and that only regiduary interest could be conveyed by subsequent legislation prior to the accomplishment of the purposes of and trusts under said Act of the Legislature of 1855, the main trust being the drainage and reclamation of the swamp and overflowed lands, which has not been accomplished. (Brief W. S. Jennings's General Counsel Trustees.)

Chapter 3335 (in part) reads as follows:—

"An Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and to Grant Certain Lands to the Same."

Section 1. That Fred De Funiak * * * and such

other persons as may become associated with them by becoming stockholders in said Company, their successors and assigns, are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name of "The Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company," for the purpose of completing that part of the line of railroad contemplated by the fourth section of the act entitled "An Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements," approved January 6, 1855, lying west of the terminus of the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad, and under that name shall have, hold enjoy the franchises, rights and privileges hereinafter provided," &c.,

"Sec. 17. That in consideration of the benefits that will accrue to the State from the construction of said railroad, the State of Florida hereby grants to said Company twenty thousand acres per mile for each mile that said company may grade, cross-tie and iron of the lands granted to the State under the act of September 28, 1850, said lands to be of those that may be nearest the line of said railroad and extensions, and not otherwise granted: *Provided, however,* That the grant of lands made by this section is made subject to the rights of all creditors of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to the trusts to which said Fund is applicable and subject under an act entitled "An act to provide for and Encourage a Liberal System of Internal Improvements in this State," approved January 6, 1855, and subject to control, management, sale and application of said Fund, and the lands constituting the same, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the purposes of the said trusts under said act."

Chapter 3326, Acts of Florida of 1881 provides:

Sec. 628, General Statutes. Grants subject to trust: Any and all grants of lands other than the alternate sections within the usual six-mile limit made or that may

be made by any act, shall be subject to the rights of all creditors of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to the trusts to which said fund is applicable and subject under the act approved, January 6, 1855, and entitled "An act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State," and subject to control, management, sale and application of said fund and the lands constituting the same, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the purposes of said trust under said act."

INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, STATE OF FLORIDA.

Certificate No. 13, 816, dated October 4th, 1888, signed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, under seal, including 415,65 acres, provides in part as follows:—

"Whereas, the Legislature of the State of Florida, by an act approved March 4, 1881, entitled "An act to incorporate the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company and to Grant Certain Lands to the Same," in the seventeenth section thereof did grant to the said Company twenty thousand acres of land for each mile of road it might construct of the lands granted to the State of Florida by the Act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, said lands to be of those lying nearest the line of said road. And whereas, the said Company has constructed under and in conformity to the provisions of the said Act, 161 miles of road, and has received from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, conveyances to the amount of 1,190,747.78 acres, on account of said grant;

And whereas the said Company has made application to said Board for the conveyance of the lands now due them for constructed road as aforesaid; and whereas,

the following described lands are believed and claimed to be of those granted to the State of Florida by said Act of Congress approved September 28, 1850, and are nearest to the line of said road of such lands, but have not been patented to said State, to-wit:—

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, west half of Sec. 18; all of Secs. 22, 24, 26, and 36, in Township 44 South, of Range 33 East.

The S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 2; S. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 4; the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 8; all of Sec. 10; in Township 45 South of Range 33 East.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in Township 43 S. R. 34 E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in Township 44 S. R. 34. E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in Township 45 S. R. 34. E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in Township 46 S. R. 34. E.

(And other lands.)

“Containing in the aggregate 415,748.65 acres, and lying and being in the County of Lee, in the State of Florida.

Now therefore the undersigned, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, in consideration of the premises and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature aforesaid, do hereby certify that the said Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company is entitled to said lands, whenever the same shall have been patented to the State of Florida, under the said Act of Congress of September 28, 1850 and that upon receipt of such patents by the State, the said Trustees, or their successors, will convey the said lands to the said company, its successors and assigns, saving the rights of

actual settlers on said lands, acquired at or before the date hereof," and saving the rights which John A. Henderson and Sydney, I. Wailes, respectively, may have under their respective contracts with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund aforesaid, for selecting swamp and overflowed lands and obtaining patents thereto, to the State of Florida respectively, under the said Act of Congress, for which respective services said Henderson and said Wailes are to receive two cents per acre, each, for each acre of land, which shall be patented to the State under his said several contracts, to be paid in land at schedule prices."

(Signed and Sealed by the Trustees I. I. Fund.)

E. A. PERRY, Governor.

W. D. BARNES, Comptroller.

(SEAL OF FLORIDA) E. S. CRILL, Treasurer.

(STATE LAND OFFICE) C. M. COOPER, Attorney
General.

C. L. MITCHEL, Commissioner
of Land and Immigfation.

* * * *

Internal Improvement Fund Certificate No. 13,835-1/2 dated December 31, 1888, including 361,630.99 Acres

This Certificate is identical in language with the foregoing Certificate, in the preamble and covenanting clause and certifies and describes the following lands:—

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in T. 44 S. R. 35 E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in T. 45 S. of R. 35E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in T. 46 S. of R. 35 E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, and 36, in T. 44 S. R. 36 E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24,

26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in T. 45 S. of R. 36 E.

All of Sections 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 18, 20, 22, 24,
26, 28, 30, 32, 34, and 36, in T. 46 S. R. 36 E. .

(And other lands.)

Certifies, in same language as foregoing certificate N. 13, 816, that The Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company is entitled to said lands, and that upon receipt of patents from the United States to such lands, that the Trustees or their successors will convey the said lands to the said Company.

(Signed)

E. A. PERRY,
Governor.

W. D. BARNES,
Comptroller.

E. S. CRILL,

(SEAL OF FLORIDA STATE LAND OFFICE.) Treasurer
C. M. COOPER,

Attorney General.

C. L. MITCHELL,
Commissioner of Lands.
and Immigfation.

SUITS

Suits were instituted U. S. Circuit Court about 1902, Northern District Florida, to compel the Trustees of the Intrnal Improvement Fund to execute and deliver deeds in accordance with such land grants, and certificates which resulted in a settlement, providing among other things, for the execution and delivery of the deeds to the lands embraced in the above descriptions contained in certificates to the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, assignee of the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, and the dismissal of the suits. All of which was done on or about the 2nd of December 1907.

See Record and file suit U. S. Circuit Court, Pensacola.

Record Trustees I. I. Fund, Tallahassee.

Record Land Office (State) Tallahassee.

Report General Counsel to Trustees, Tallahassee.

Deed from Trustees December 5, 1907, to L. & N.

R. R. Co.

EXAMINATION OF TITLE.

TO

The even numbered sections, except 16, in the following township:

Tp. 44 S., Rg. 36 E.

Tp. 44 S., Rg. 36 E.

Tp. 45 S., Rg. 35 E.

Tp. 45 S., Rg. 36 E.

Tp. 46 S., Rg. 35 E.

Tp. 46 S., Rg. 36 E.

Book	No. 1.	Conveys land
43	Trustees of In-	described in head-
Page	ternal Improve-	ing hereof, and
164	ment Fund	other lands.
Date	of Florida.	
Dec 5 1907	TO	
Filed		
Dec 31 1907	Louisville &	
Kind of instru-	Nashville	
ment	Railroad, a cor-	
State Deed	poration of	
Consideration	Kentucky	
\$1.00		

Dade County Title Insurance & Trust Co., Miami, Fla.

Book	No. 2.	Conveys land
12	Louisville &	described in head-
Page	Nashville Rail-	ing hereof, and
271	Co., by M. H.	other lands.
Date	Smith, Presi-	Appended to this
Oct. 25 1902.	dent.	deed is a quit-
Filed	TO	claim deed to
Oct. 25 1902.	Southern States	said Southern
Kind of Instru-	Land and Tim-	States Land
ment.	ber Company.	& Timber Co.
Warranty Deed		given by W. L.
Consideration		Mapother as
\$62560.00		trustee under a
		mortgage execut-
		ed by the Pen-
		sacola & Atlan-
		tic R. R. Co.
		dated April 1,
		1884.

Dade County Title Insurance and Trust Co., Miami, Fla.

Book	No. 3.	Conveys land
43	Louisville &	described in
Page	Nashville	heading hereof,
284	R. R. Co.,	and other land.
Date	By W. H. Smith,	
M'ch 12, 1908	Pres.	
Filed	TO	
M'ch 23, 1908	Southern States	
Kind of Inst'mnt	Land Timber	
Warranty Deed	Co.	
Consideration		
\$1.00		
Book	No.	
Page		
Date		
Filed		
Kind of Instm't		
Consideration		

Dade County Title Insurance & Trust Co., Miami, Fla.

To Southern States Land & Timber Co.,

We hereby certify that the foregoing Abstract of Title to the lands described in the heading thereof, furnished you in accordance with your application therefor, is a correct summary of all Deeds, Powers of Attorney, Mortgages, Statutory Liens, Assignments of Mortgages or Liens, Satisfactions of Mortgages or Liens, Judgments and Assignments and Satisfactions of Judgments, Notice Lis Pendens and Reports of Tax Sales, State, County and City, as disclosed by a search made by us of the records prescribed by law to be kept in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, at the date hereof.

In witness whereof The Dade County Title Insurance & Trust Company has caused its name to be hereto affixed and its corporate seal attached this 3rd day of August, A. D. 1908.

Dade County Title Insurance & Trust Company,
(Seal.)

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By V. L. Beed, Secretary.

Dade County Title Insurance and Trust Co., Miami, Fla.

ABSTRACT OF TITLE.

To the Following described Lands in Lee County and State of Florida.

All of sections eight, ten, twelve and fourteen, the west half of section eighteen, all of sections twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six and thirty-six, in township forty four, south, range thirty-three east.

The South-west quarter of section two, the South half of section four, the East half of section eight and all of section ten, in Township Forty five South of Range thirty three East.

All of sections two, four, six twelve, fourteen, twenty-four, twenty-six and thirty-six, in Township forty-three South of Range thirty-four East.

All of sections two, eight, ten twelve, fourteen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-four, and thirty-six, in Township Forty four South of Range thirty-four East.

All of sections two, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-two twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-four, and thirty-six, in Township Forty five South of Range thirty four East.

All of sections two, four, six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-two twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-two, thirty-four, and thirty-six in Township Forty six South of Range Thirty-four East.

No. 1.

Office of Commissioner
of Agriculture of the State
of Florida, at Tallahassee.

United States Government
To
The State of Florida.

The records of the Commissioner of Agriculture show that all the lands described in caption were patented to the State of Florida by Gainesville Patent No. 137, dated April 29, 1903.

(Sections 2, 4, 6, 12, 14, & N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 24, Tp. 43 S. R. 34 E. I am in doubt about: there being no United States Survey of this township, but there is a plat of survey made by V. P. Keller in 1890 which shows that all of sections 2, 4, 6, 12, 14, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sec. 24 as lying in Lake Okeechobee. But if the sections existed they would unquestionably be State land and would be embraced by Gainesville patent No. 137.)

No. 2.

Deed, 20 page 508, 9, 10.

Dated 5 December, 1907.

Filed 10 January, 1908.

Consideration \$1. et al.

State deed No. 16,076.

State of Florida by the Trustees
of the Internal Improvement Fund
Louisville & Nashville Railroad
Company.

Embraces: The land described in caption and other lands.

Recites: Whereas, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company as successor of the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company under certain decrees of the Court: and by virtue of Chapter 3335 Laws of Florida: there was granted to Pensacola and Atlantic 20,000 acres per mile: land certificates issued in 1888. Suit instituted in U. S. Court April 1902 for conveyance: 2nd suit institut-

ed: also suit by the Southern State Land & Timber Company: negotiations for compromise and adjustment of all of said suits, claims and demands in pursuance thereof for the compromise and adjustment of said cause and conflicting claims of priorities and equities, and for the consideration of the final determination.

Signed: N. B. BROWARD, (SEAL.)
Governor.

A. C. CROOM, (SEAL.)
Comptroller

(Seal of Department of Agriculture.) W. V. KNOTT, (SEAL.)
State Treasurer.

W. H. ELLIS, (SEAL.)
Attorney General:

B. E. McLIN, (SEAL.)
Commissioner of Agriculture.

No. 3.

Deed 7, page 105 to 145

Dated 12 June 1891.

Filed 29 May, 1893.

Consideration \$250,000.00

Master Commissioners Deed.

EDWARD T. HUNT,

Master Commissioner

TO

Louisville & Nashville

Railroad Company.

Embraces:

All the land described in Caption, and other lands.

Recites:

On 13th May, 1890, there was filed in U. S. Court, Bill of Complaint in equity, to foreclose mortgage dated Feb. 1st, 1888. Decreed among other things that the mortgaged premises be sold at public auction: Edward T. Hunt as Master Commissioner did give notice as required by law: Struck off and sold to Edward D. Ran-

dolph, Trustee, he being the highest bidder therefor:
Edward D. Randolph, Trustee, did assign his bid to the
Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company.

(Signed) E. T. HUNT, (L. S.)

Two witnesses. :

Acknowledged as to Edward T. Hunt, before E. Grar-
nicher, Notary Public, 15th Aug. 1891. (Seal.)

No. 4 Deed 7, page 145 to 150

Dated 13 June, 1891.

Filed 29 May, 1893.

Consideration \$1.00

Confirmation deed.

Edmund D. Randolph,
Trustee

TO

Louisville & Nashville
Railroad Company.

Embraces:

as in No. 3.

Recites:

as in No. 3.

Signed. Edward D. Randolph, (seal.)

One witness.

Trustee

Acknowledged as to Edward D. Randolph, Trustee be-
fore A. W. Andrews, Notary Public, the 13th June, 1891.
(seal.)

No. 5.

Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad

Deed 7, page 150 to 155.

Company, a corporation

Dated 6 May, 1893

Filed 29 May, 1891.

under the laws of the State of
Florida.

Consideration \$1.00.

Confirmation Deed.

TO

Louisville & Nashville Railroad
Company, a corporation under
the laws of the State of Kentucky.

Embraces: as in No. 3.

Recites: as in No. 3.

Signed. Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company.

By M. H. SMITH, President.

(Corporate Seal.) J. H. ELLIS, Secretary.

Two Witness.. Acknowledged as to M. H. Smith,
President, and J. H. Ellis, Secretary, before B. D. War-
field, Commissioner for the State of Florida, residing in
the State of Kentucky, the 6 July 1891. (Seal.)

No. 6.

Deed, 12 page 434 to 439. Louisville & Nashville R. R.
Dated 6 October, 1902. Company, a corporation under
Filed 24 October 1902. the laws of the State of

Consideration \$34,005.29. Kentucky.

Warranty Deed.

TO

Southern States Land & Timber
Company, a corporation under the
laws of the State of Louisiana.

Embraces:

The land described in the caption, and other lands.

Usual form of warranty deed.

Signed: Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

By M. H. SMITH, (L.S.)

President. . .

attest: J. H. ELLIS, (L. S.)

(Corporate Seal.)

Secretary.

Two witnesses.

Acknowledged as to M. H. Smith, President and J. H.
Ellis, Secretary, before G. W. B. Olmstead, Notary pub-
lic, the 13th October, 1902. (N. P. Seal.)

Attached to this deed is a release of Mortgage signed

W. L. MAPOTHER, .. (Seal.)

Two Witnesses.

Trustee

Acknowledged as to W. L. Mapother, Trustee, before
G. W. B. Olmstead, Commissioner for the State of Flori-
da, 13th October, 1902. (Com'r Seal.)

No. 7.

Deed 20, page 551.

Dated 12 March 1908.

Filed April 7, 1908.

Warranty Deed.

The Louisville & Nashville

Railroad Company,

TO

Southern States Land & Timber
Company.

Embraces:

The land described in caption and other lands.

Recites Whereas, the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, on 6th day of October, 1902, conveyed by deed to the Southern States Land & Timber Company, the lands hereinafter described, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. not having deed at said time from the State, but Trustees certified that upon receipt of patent from the United States it would convey the same to the Pensacola and Atlantic Railroad Company, of whom the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, is the successor in title; the United States having issued patent to the State; the State having deeded to the Louisville & Nashville;

(Signed) The Louisville & Nashville
Railroad Company, By
M. H. SMITH, President.

(Corporate Seal.)

Attest: W. H. BRUCE, Asst. Secretary.

Two Witnesses.

Acknowledged as to M. H. Smith, President, and W. H. Bruce, Assistant Secretary, before G. W. B. Olmstead, Notary Public, 12th March, 1908. (N. P. Seal.)

This abstract has no reference to errors or omissions in the execution of deeds.

This certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct brief abstract of title to the land therein set forth, as the same appears from the Index to Deeds, Mortgages, Judgments, and tax records of Lee County and State of Florida.

Witness my hand and seal of office at Ft. Myers, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1908.

(Seal.)
Lee County Abstract Co.

W. M. HENDRY,
Clerk Circuit Court.
By S. C. Heasley, D. C.





