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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Preemption
CERTIFICATE

No. 2616

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas *Joel Cloud of Blue Earth County Minnesota*

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE, at *Minnesota* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Joel Cloud*

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the North West quarter of Section eighteen in Township one hundred and eight North of Range twenty-five West, in the district of lands formerly subject to sale at *Minnesota now St. Peters Minnesota* containing one hundred and sixty acres and forty three hundredths of an acre

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, which said tract has been purchased by the said *Joel Cloud*

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said *Joel Cloud*

and to *his* heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said *Joel Cloud* and to *his* heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, *James Buchanan* 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.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the *thirteenth* day of *May* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-nine* and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the *eighty-third*

BY THE PRESIDENT: *James Buchanan* By *W. J. Allison* Secretary.

W. J. Allison Recorder of the General Land Office.

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