[illegible] generally inter- [illegible] Timber Act we pub- [illegible] of the enrolled Bill [illegible] proposes a law, all [illegible] to make it such being [illegible] of the president. We [illegible] want of space sections 4, 5, 6 [illegible] part of section 2. The text of the remainder reads as follows:

AN ACT.

To amend an act entitled "an act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the act entitled "an act to amend the act entitled 'an act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies,'" approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his declaration to become such as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, who shall plant, protect and keep in a healthy growing condition for eight years, ten acres of timber, on any quarter section of any of the public lands of the United States, or five acres on any legal subdivision of eighty acres, or two and one half on any legal subdivision of forty acres or less, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter section, or of such legal subdivision of eighty, or forty acres, or fractional subdivision of less than forty acres, as the case may be, at the expiration of said eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses, and a full compliance of the further conditions as provided in section two:

Provided further, That not more than one quarter of any section shall be thus granted, and that no person shall make more than one entry under the provisions of this act.

SEC. 2. * * * * * * *

And the party making an entry of a quarter section under the provisions of this act, shall be required to break or plow five acres covered thereby the first year, five acres the second year, and to cultivate to crop or otherwise the five acres broken or plowed the first year; the third year he or she shall cultivate to crop or otherwise, the five acres broken the second year and to plant in timber, seeds or cuttings, the five acres first broken or plowed, and to cultivate and to put into crop or otherwise the remaining five acres, and the fourth year to plant in timber, seeds or cuttings, the remaining five acres. All entries of less quantity than one quarter section shall be plowed, planted, cultivated, and planted to trees, tree seeds, or cuttings, in the same manner and in the same proportion as hereinbefore provided for a quarter section; *Provided*, however, That in case such trees seeds or cuttings shall be destroyed by grass hoppers, or by extreme and unusual drouth, for any year or term of years the time for planting such trees, seeds or cuttings shall be extended one year for every such year that they are so destroyed; *Provided, farther*, That the person making such entry shall before he or she shall be entitled to such extension of time, file with the register and the receiver of the proper land office an affidavit, corroborated by two witnesses, setting forth the destruction he or she is compelled to ask an extension of time, in accordance with the provisions of this act; And, *provided further*, That no final certificate shall be given, or patent issued for the land so entered until the expiration of eight years from the date of such entry; and if, at the expiration of such time, or at any time within five years thereafter, the person making such entry, or, if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or legal representatives, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he or she or they have planted, and for not less than eight years, have cultivated and protected such quantity and character of trees as aforesaid; that not less than twenty-seven hundred trees were planted on each acre, and that at the time of making such proof, that there shall then be growing at least six hundred and seventy-five living and thrifty trees to the acre, they shall receive a patent for such tract of land.

SEC. 7. That parties who have already made entries under the acts approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, of which this is amendatory shall be permitted to complete the same upon full compliance with the provisions of this act; that is, they shall at the time of making their final proof, have had under cultivation, as required by this act, an amount of timber sufficient to make the number of acres required by this act.

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