one, entitled "An act to enable organized counties and townships to vote disapproved, except to any railroad, and to provide for the payment of the same," be, and the same is hereby, disapproved and annulled, except in so far as is herein otherwise provided. But the passage of this act shall not invalidate or impair the organization of the company heretofore organized for the construction of the Dakota Southern railroad, leading from Sioux city, Iowa, by way of Yankton, the capital of said Territory, to the west line of Bon Homme county, or any vote that has been or may be given by the counties of Union, Clay, Yankton, and Bon Homme, or any township granting aid to said railroad, or any subscription thereto, or any thing authorized by, and that may have been done in pursuance of the provisions of the aforesaid act of the legislative assembly of said Territory toward the construction and completion of said railroad; and the said Dakota Southern Railroad Company, as organized under and in conformity to the acts of the legislative assembly of said Territory, is hereby recognized and declared to be a legal and valid corporation, and the provisions of the act of said legislative assembly first aforesaid, so far as the same authorize, and for the purpose of validating any vote of aid and subscriptions to said company for the construction, completion, and equipment of the main stem of said railroad, between the termini aforesaid, are hereby declared to be and remain in full force, but no further, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of enabling the said Dakota Southern Railroad Company to construct its said road through the public lands between the termini aforesaid, the right of way through the said public lands is hereby granted to said company to the extent of one hundred feet in width on each side of said road: Provided, That nothing in this act shall relieve said Dakota Southern Railroad Company from constructing and completing said railroad in accordance with the provisions and stipulations under which the citizens of the counties therein named voted aid to said railroad in accordance with the laws of said Territory, approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one: Provided further, That said Dakota Southern Railroad Company shall issue stock to the respective counties and townships voting aid to said railroad, paid up certificates of stock in the same in amounts equal to the sums voted by the respective counties and townships.

APPROVED, May 27, 1872.