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SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, K. T.
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I certify that — has this day filed in my office a notice in accordance with the 12th. section of the Act establishing the Office of the Surveyor General of Kansas and Nebraska, and granting pre-emption rights to actual settlers for the — quarter of section number — in township number — in range number — east of the 6th. Principal Meridian in — Territory.

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Surveyor General of Kansas and Nebraska.

An important decision has been made by the Commissioner, which is contained in the following Circular, issued from his Office, January 3d. 1857, viz:—

“By the 4th. section of the act of the 3d. of March, 1843, it is declared, that, ‘where an individual has filed, under the late pre-emption law, (1841) his declaration of intention to claim the benefits of said law for one tract of land, it shall not be lawful for the same individual, at any future time, to file a second declaration for another tract.’

This prohibition is held by the department to extend to BOTH classes of lands, unoffered and such as are SUBJECT TO PRIVATE ENTRY.

Where a claimant, however, of either class of lands, files a declaration which may prove to be INVALID in consequence of the land applied for not being open to pre-emption, or by the determination against him, as a conflicting claimant, or from any other similar cause, which would have prevented him from consummating a pre-emption under such declaration, such illegal filing will be treated as a nullity and as no inhibition to his subsequently filing a legal and proper declaration for the same tract, should it become liable to pre-emption, or for any other land; it being the purpose of the law to allow a claimant a pre-emption upon one tract and nothing more, and also to prevent declarations from being presented or filed where the intention of establishing a pre-emption is not bona fide.”

PUBLIC SURVEYS.—These have been completed as far West as the vicinity of Manhattan, embracing the entire region Eastward, both on the North side of the Kansas river, and on the South side extending to and including the Neosho valley. The quantity of land surveyed up to June 30th. 1856, was 1,572,690 acres; being less than a fiftieth part of the quantity embraced within the Territory.

LAND OFFICE.—The *conjecture* (an extremely vague one,) is that this will be open about the first of July, 1857. Portions of the surveys have not yet been accepted, on account of the non-fulfillment of the requisitions of the Law, by the Surveyors, in regard to