

Interfering
applications.

of any of the lands in his agency, stating carefully, in each entry, the date of the application, the date of any receipt by him given, and the amount of money specified in the receipt, and the number of the lot, the concession or range, and the township in which the lot lies. If two or more persons apply at the same time for the same land, the Agent shall immediately determine by lot, in presence of the parties, which of them shall have preference. 5

To give copies
of entries, and
other infor-
mation to Ap-
plicants.

XXI. The Land Agent shall, if required, give to the party applying, a copy of the entry and a copy of the description of the land ; and it shall be his duty to inform the party applying for any land, whether the same has already been located or purchased, and at his request to give him a copy of any entry concerning the same. 10

To give certi-
ficates to pur-
chasers.

XXII. It shall be the duty of all Land Agents to give to every purchaser a certificate describing the land sold, the sum paid on account, the balance remaining due, the time when such balance will become due, and stating that if it be duly paid, the purchaser, or his assignee, or other legal representative, will be entitled to a patent for the said land. 15 20

To enter pay-
ments, give
receipts, &c.

XXIII. The Land Agent shall, upon any subsequent payment being made, give a receipt for the same, and enter the same to the credit of the party in a book kept for that purpose ; and upon the payment being completed the Agent shall give a certificate of the same to the party, and on the production of such final certificate, the Commissioner of Public Lands is authorized to grant a patent for the land so purchased, to the said purchaser, his heirs or assigns. 25

To note on
plan lands
sold, &c.

XXIV. The Land Agents shall also note on the map or plan, transmitted to them, every lot which may be sold ; and the said map or plan shall be open at all times in presence of the Agent, for the inspection of any person applying for the same. 30

To make
monthly re-
turns and
payments to
Commissioner.

XXV. The Land Agents and all other persons receiving moneys by virtue of any office constituted by the Land Department, shall make to the Commissioner of Public Lands monthly returns of the moneys received by them in their several offices and agencies, and pay over such moneys pursuant to his instructions, and transmit to him quarterly accounts current of their transactions. 35

Agents not to
purchase.

Sales to them
to be void.

XXVI. No agent for the sale of public lands, shall purchase any land which he is appointed to sell, and if any agent offends in the premises he shall forfeit his office : and every sale or purchase of any public lands made to or for the benefit of any such agent, in the case mentioned in this section, shall be adjudged to be void. 40 45