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No. 2426

**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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**To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:**

**WHEREAS** *William Alexander Welch, Assignee of Richard Hatt Fowler*

has deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at *La Porte* whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said *Richard Hatt Fowler*

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 East half of the South West quarter of Section eight, in Township thirty six North of Range six West, <sup>(of the 3rd or 4th meridian)</sup> in the District of Lands subject to sale at La Porte, Indiana, containing eighty acres

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 *Richard Hatt Fowler*

**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 *William Alexander Welch*

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 *William Alexander Welch* and to his heirs and assigns forever.

**In Testimony Whereof, I,** *Martin Van Buren*

**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 *second* day of *November* in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty seven* and of the **INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES** the *sixty second*

**BY THE PRESIDENT:** *A. Van Buren*



By *A. Van Buren* Sec'y.  
*F. S. Wilson* acting  
RECORDED of the General Land Office,  
*ad interim*