

section upon the voluntary surrender of the lease or leases held by them.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the management and control of the mineral lands shall be transferred from the War Department, and placed under the jurisdiction and control of the Treasury Department, and all books, maps, papers, instruments, and other property procured to be used and employed in the management, survey, exploring, or conducting of said mineral lands by the War Department, shall be delivered over and made subject to the disposition of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Management and control of mineral lands to be transferred to Treasury Department, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, so soon as a sufficient number of townships are surveyed, and returns thereof made to the General Land Office, to authorize the commencement of the sales in said district, shall appoint one register and one receiver for the land office in said district, who shall reside at the place designated by the President for the land office, receive such compensation, give security, and discharge all duties pertaining to such office, as are prescribed by law.

Register and receiver to be appointed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1847.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act for the Reduction of the Costs and Expenses of Proceedings in Admiralty against Ships and Vessels.*

March 3, 1847.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in any case brought in the courts of the United States, exercising jurisdiction in admiralty, where a warrant of arrest, or other process *in rem*, shall be issued, it shall be the duty of the marshal to stay the execution of such process, or to discharge the property arrested if the same has been levied, on receiving from the claimant of the same a bond or stipulation in double the amount claimed by the libellant, with sufficient surety, to be approved by the judge of the said court, or, in his absence, by the collector of the port, conditioned to abide and answer the decree of the court in such cause; and such bond or stipulation shall be returned to the said court, and judgment on the same, both against the principal and sureties may be recovered at the time of rendering the decree in the original cause: *Provided*, That the entire costs in any such case, in which the amount recovered by the libellant shall not exceed one hundred dollars, shall not be more than fifty per cent. of the amount recovered in the same, which costs shall be applied, first, to the payment of the usual fees for witnesses, and the commissioner, where a commissioner shall act on the case, and the residue to be divided, pro rata, between the clerk and marshal, under the direction of the judge of the court where the cause may be tried: *Provided, further*, That no attorney's or proctor's fees shall be allowed or paid out of the said costs.

Marshal to stay execution in admiralty cases and discharge the property arrested, on receiving bond and security from claimant to abide decree of court.

Proviso — costs, how limited and applied.

No attorney's or proctor's fees to be paid out of said costs.

APPROVED, March 3, 1847.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act to give the Consent of Congress to the Sale of certain Salt Spring Lands heretofore granted to the States of Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.*

March 3, 1847.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the State of Michigan shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to sell, in such manner as the Legislature of said State shall by law direct,

Sale of salt spring lands granted to State of Michigan authorized.

- the salt spring lands granted to said State for its use, by an act entitled "An Act supplementary to the Act entitled an Act to establish the northern Boundary Line of the State of Ohio, and to provide for the Admission of the State of Michigan into the Union on certain Conditions," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.
- 1836 ch. 121. Sale of saline lands granted to State of Illinois authorized. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the State of Illinois shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to sell, in such manner as the Legislature of said State shall by law direct, the whole or any part of the saline lands lying in Jackson county, in said State, which were granted to the State of Illinois, by virtue of "An Act to enable the People of the Illinois Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal Footing with the original States," approved April eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighteen.
- 1818, ch. 67. Sale of saline lands granted to State of Arkansas authorized. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the State of Arkansas shall be, and hereby is, authorized to sell, in such manner as the Legislature of said State shall by law direct, the whole or any part of the saline lands, granted to said State by virtue of an act supplementary to the act entitled "An Act for the Admission of the State of Arkansas into the Union, and to Provide for the due Execution of the Laws of the United States within the same, and for other Purposes," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.
- 1836, ch. 100. APPROVED, March 3, 1847.

March 3, 1847. CHAP. LVII. — *An Act to establish a Port of Entry at Saluria, in the State of Texas, and for other Purposes.*

- Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that part of the State of Texas, south and west of the counties of Matagorda and Wharton, and including said counties, shall be detached from the District of Texas, and shall constitute a collection district; that Saluria, on the north-easterly part of the Island of Matagorda, shall be the port of entry for said district; and that Matagorda, Aransas, Copano, and Corpus Christi, as ports of delivery only.
- New collection district in Texas established. Saluria created a port of entry. Ports of delivery. Collector to be appointed. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a collector for the district of Saluria aforesaid shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, who shall hold his office for the terms and for the time prescribed by law for the like office in other districts. The said collector shall reside at Saluria aforesaid, and he shall be entitled to a salary not exceeding twelve hundred and fifty dollars per annum, including in that sum the fees allowed by law; and the amount he shall collect in any one year for fees, exceeding the said sum of twelve hundred and fifty dollars, shall be accounted for and paid into the treasury of the United States.
- Salary. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That surveyors for the aforesaid ports of delivery, to wit, Matagorda, Labaca, Corpus Christi, and Copano, shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, with authority to exercise all the powers conferred by law on such officers; and that the salaries of said surveyors at Matagorda and Labaca shall be at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum, and of those at Copano and Corpus Christi shall be at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum; and that there shall be a deputy-collector appointed according to law, to reside at Aransas, and to exercise such powers under the revenue laws as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe; the compensation of said deputy collector shall be the legal fees on the business he may transact, and
- Surveyors to be appointed. Salaries. Deputy-collector to reside at Aransas. Fees.