

in the same; and the office of surveyor general, in every such district, shall thereafter cease and be discontinued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the quantity of public land remaining unsold in any land district shall be reduced to a number of acres less than one hundred thousand, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to discontinue the land office of such district; and if any land, in any such district, shall remain unsold at the time of the discontinuance of a land office, the same shall be subject to sale at some one of the existing land offices most convenient to the district in which the land office shall have been discontinued, of which the Secretary of the Treasury shall give notice.

Certain land offices to be discontinued.

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APPROVED, June 12, 1840.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act concerning prisoners of the United States committed to the gaol in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island.*

STATUTE I.
June 12, 1840.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all prisoners committed to the present gaol in the County of Providence and State of Rhode Island under the authority of the United States, shall be kept until discharged by due course of the laws thereof under the like restrictions and penalties as in the case of prisoners committed to said gaol under the authority of said State of Rhode Island.

The prisoners of the U. S. to be kept under the like restrictions as those of Rhode Island.

APPROVED, June 12, 1840.

CHAP. XXXIX. — *An Act making provision for the payment of pensions to the executors or administrators of deceased pensioners in certain cases.*

STATUTE I.
June 19, 1840.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case any male pensioner shall die, leaving children, but no widow, the amount of pension due to such pensioner at the time of his death shall be paid to the executor or administrator on the estate of such pensioner, for the sole and exclusive benefit of the children, to be by him distributed among them in equal shares, and the same shall not be considered as a part of the assets of said estate, nor liable to be applied to the payment of the debts of said estate in any case whatever.

In case of a pensioner leaving children, but no widow.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any pensioner who is a widow shall die, leaving children, the amount of pension due at the time of her death shall be paid to the executor or administrator for the benefit of her children, as directed in the foregoing section.

In case of a pensioner who is a widow leaving children.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the death of any pensioner, whether male or female, leaving children, the amount of pension may be paid to any one or each of them, as they may prefer, without the intervention of an administrator.

In case of any pensioner leaving children.

APPROVED, June 19, 1840.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act to provide for the collection, safe keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue. (a)*

STATUTE I.
July 4, 1840.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be prepared and provided, within the new Treasury building now erecting at the seat of Government, suitable and convenient rooms for the use of the Treasurer of the United States, his assistants and clerks: and sufficient and secure fire-proof vaults and safes for the keeping of the public moneys in the possession and under the immediate control of the said Treasurer; which said rooms, vaults, and safes, are hereby constituted

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Rooms to be provided for the Treasurer, and vaults and safes for the public moneys.

(a) Repealed by act of August 13, 1841, chap. 7.