

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.