thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, so much of the appropriation of second of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, as he may deem expedient and proper, not exceeding in the whole ten thousand dollars, for compensation to the United States marshals, district attorneys, and other persons employed in enforcing the laws for the suppression of the slave trade, for any services they may render, and for which no allowance is otherwise provided for by law.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the first day of July next, and until otherwise ordered by the President, the Territories of Utah and Colorado shall constitute one surveying district; and the duties of surveyor general in said district shall be performed by the surveyor general of Colorado; and the surveying district of Nevada shall be united to that of California, the duties of the surveyor general of the former shall be performed by the surveyor general of California; and the transfer of the effects and archives of the said offices shall be made under the instruction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to carry into effect the provisions heretofore made by law for refitting and repairing in the city of Philadelphia the building now owned by the United States, on Chestnut street, for the use of a post office and the holding of the United States courts in said city: Provided, nevertheless, That the whole expense of said alterations and improvements shall not exceed in cost the unexpended balance heretofore appropriated by law for that purpose.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the President shall appoint in the Department of the Interior, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a competent person, who shall be called the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, whose salary shall be three thousand dollars, payable in the same manner as the salary of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall perform such duties in the Department of the Interior as shall be prescribed by the Secretary, or may be required by law, and who shall act as the Secretary of the Interior in the absence of that officer.

APPROVED, March 14, 1862.

CHAP. XLIII. — An Act for a joint Commission for the Preservation of the Atlantic Fisheries.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint a commissioner, to meet such commissioner as may be appointed on the part of Great Britain, and also on the part of France, together to form a joint commission to frame measures to protect the fisheries off the coast of Newfoundland and North America against deterioration and destruction by means of set lines on the spawn banks, and like destructive practices.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That, to enable the President to carry into effect this act, the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 15, 1862.

CHAP. XLIV. — An Act to amend “An Act to incorporate the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,” and to make Appropriations for the Benefit thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, shall be allowed for the payment of salaries and incidental expenses of said institution; and
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Appropriation for incidental expenses.

That four thousand four hundred dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, for that purpose, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sum of nine thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the erection, furnishing, and fitting up of two additions to the buildings of said institution.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That all receipts and disbursements under this act shall be reported to the Secretary of the Interior, as required in the sixth section of the act to which this is an amendment.

Approved, March 15, 1862.

CHAP. XLV.—An Act to authorize the Purchase of Coin, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury may purchase coin with any of the bonds or notes of the United States, authorized by law, at such rates and upon such terms as he may deem most advantageous to the public interest; and may issue, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, certificates of indebtedness, such as are authorized by an act entitled “An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue certificates of indebtedness to public creditors,” approved March first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to such creditors as may desire to receive the same, in discharge of checks drawn by disbursing officers upon sums placed to their credit on the books of the Treasurer, upon requisitions of the proper departments, as well as in discharge of audited and settled accounts, as provided by said act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the demand notes authorized by the act of July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and by the act of February twelfth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall, in addition to being receivable in payment of duties on imports, be receivable, and shall be lawful money and a legal tender, in like manner, and for the same purposes, and to the same extent, as the notes authorized by an act entitled “An act to authorize the issue of United States notes, and for the redemption or funding thereof, and for funding the floating debt of the United States,” approved February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the limitation upon temporary deposits of United States notes with any assistant treasurers or designated depositaries, authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury to receive such deposits, at five per cent. interest, to twenty-five millions of dollars, shall be so far modified as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to receive such deposits to an amount not exceeding fifty millions of dollars, and that the rates of interest shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury not exceeding the annual rate of five per centum.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That, in all cases where the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized by law to re-issue notes, he may replace such as are so mutilated or otherwise injured as to be unfit for use with others of the same character and amount; and such mutilated notes, and all others which by law are required to be taken up and not reissued, shall, when so replaced, or taken up, be destroyed in such manner and under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Approved, March 17, 1862.