

Jan. 20, 1853. CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to surrender to the State of Ohio the unfinished portion of the Cumberland Road in said State.*

Portion of the
Cumberland
road surrendered
to Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the Cumberland road, in the State of Ohio, as lies between the city of Springfield, in Clark county, Ohio, and the west line of said State, and all the interest of the United States in the same, together with all the timber, stone, and other materials belonging to the United States, and procured for the purpose of being used in the construction of said road, and all the rights and privileges of every kind belonging to the United States, as connected with said road, be and the same are hereby transferred and surrendered to the said State of Ohio.

APPROVED, January 20, 1853.

Jan. 20, 1853. CHAP. XX.—*An Act making an Appropriation for the Payment of Navy Pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.*

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sum be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the pay of navy pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four :

For invalid pensions, twenty-five thousand dollars.

APPROVED, January 20, 1853.

Jan. 22, 1853. CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to amend An Act entitled "An Act for the discontinuance of the office of Surveyor-General in the several districts, so soon as the surveys therein can be completed; for abolishing Land Offices under certain circumstances, and for other purposes."*

Field notes,
&c. may be turned
over to State
authorities in
certain cases.

1840, ch. 36.

Remaining authority
vested in the
Commissioner
of the Land
Office.

Free access to
such notes, &c.
provided for.

Provision to be
first made for
receiving such
notes, &c. and
for free access to
them.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where, as provided in the first section of the Act entitled "An Act for the discontinuance of the office of Surveyor-General in the several districts, so soon as the surveys therein can be completed, for abolishing land offices under certain circumstances, and for other purposes," approved the twelfth of June, eighteen hundred and forty, the field notes, maps, records, and other papers appertaining to land titles in any State, shall have been, or shall be, turned over to the authorities of such State, and the same authority, powers, and duties in relation to the survey, re-survey, or subdivision of the lands therein, and all matters and things connected therewith, as previously exercised by the Surveyor-General, whose district included such State, shall be, and they are hereby, vested in, and devolved upon, the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That under the authority and direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, any Deputy Surveyor, or other agent of the United States, shall have free access to any such field notes, maps, records, and other papers, for the purpose of taking extracts therefrom or making copies thereof without charge of any kind.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the field notes, maps, records, and other papers mentioned in the first section of the act to which this is an amendment, shall in no case hereafter be turned over to the authorities of any State, until such State shall have provided by law for the reception and safe keeping of the same as public records, and for the allowance of free access to the same by the authorities of the United States, as herein provided.

APPROVED, January 22, 1853.