32d CONGRESS,
1st SESSION.

H. R. 291.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

JULY 6, 1852.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

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.

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, they shall be held subject to the examination of any duly authorized agent of the government without charge, nor shal

14 any compensation be required from any such agent for
15 any extracts or copies he may take thereof; and the same
16 authority, powers and duties in relation to the survey, re-
17 survey or subdivision of the lands therein, and all matters
18 and things connected therewith as previously exercised by
19 the Surveyor General, whose district included such State,
20 shall be, and they are hereby vested in and devolved upon
21 the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

1 SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That under the
2 authority and direction of the Commissioner of the Gen-
3 eral Land Office, any deputy surveyor or other agent of
4 the United States shall have free access to any such field
5 notes, maps, records and other papers for the purpose of
6 taking extracts therefrom or making copies thereof, with-
7 out charge of any kind as above provided.

Passed the House of Representatives, *July* 3, 1852.

Attest: JOHN W. FORNEY, *Clerk.*