

8. All moneys payable to the State on account of the public lands shall be paid to the Commissioner of the Land Office, whose receipts therefor shall be a good acquittance to the party paying the same; and the said commissioner shall keep an account of all such payments in a book kept for the purpose, and shall account monthly with the Comptroller on oath and pay over to the Treasurer all such moneys so received, first deducting therefrom twenty-five per centum as a compensation for his trouble.

9. He shall record all certificates that may be returned to the Land Office and issue patents thereon, as soon as they are ready for patents.

10. Upon application in writing of any person claiming to be entitled to any of the British confiscated lands sold by the commissioners appointed under the authority of this State to preserve and sell British confiscated property, the title to which still remains in the State, and praying that title thereto may be granted to him, and upon satisfactory proof submitted to the Commissioner of the Land Office that such applicant is entitled to receive title thereto, the said commissioner shall issue a patent for such land to the person appearing to him to be entitled thereto.

11. Before issuing any patent under the preceding section, the said commissioner shall order the party applying therefor to cause to be inserted in one or more newspapers published in the county or city where the land lies, if there be a newspaper published therein, at least once a week for three successive weeks, an advertisement setting forth the object of the application, and describing therein by metes and bounds, and such other description of the land for which the patent is sought, so that the land may be known, and also particularly describing the claim of the applicant for such patent, and containing a notification of the day and hour on which the applicant will apply to the commissioner to issue such patent, which day shall be at least sixty days from the day of filing the application, and warning all parties interested to appear before said commissioner on the day and hour therein designated to show cause, if any they have, why such patent should not be issued.

12. If no person appears to contest the said application on the day so appointed, a patent shall issue to the applicant, but if