

CHAP. X.—An Act to establish the Navy Department.

February 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* an executive department be, and the same is hereby established, to be called the Navy Department.

Navy Department established.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That* the chief officer of said department shall be called the Secretary of the Navy, and shall, under the direction and control of the President, have charge of all matters and things connected with the Navy of the Confederacy, and shall perform all such duties appertaining to the navy as shall, from time to time, be assigned to him by the President.

Duties of the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, That* said Secretary shall be authorized to appoint a chief clerk and such other clerks as may be found necessary and be authorized by law.

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CHAP. XI.—To establish the Post Office Department

February 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* there shall be an executive department, to be denominated the Post Office Department, and there shall be a principal officer therein, to be called the Postmaster General, who shall perform such duties in relation to post offices and post routes, as shall be enjoined on him by the President of the Confederate States, agreeably to the constitution and the laws of the land, who shall be paid an annual salary to be fixed by law, and have power to appoint a chief clerk and such inferior clerks as may be found necessary, who shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by law.

Post Office Department established.

Duties of the Postmaster General. His salary.

May appoint clerks

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CHAP. XII.—An Act to organize and establish an Executive Department, to be known as the Department of Justice.

February 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That* from and after the passage of this act, there shall be an executive department, to be known as the Department of Justice. The principal officer at the head of said department shall be denominated the Attorney General, who shall be paid an annual salary to be fixed by law, and who shall have the power to appoint a clerk, at such compensation as may be fixed by law.

Department of Justice established.

Salary of Attorney General.

May appoint a clerk.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute and conduct all suits in the Supreme Court, in which the Confederate States shall be concerned, and to give his advice and opinion upon questions of law, when required by the President of the Confederate States, or when requested by any of the heads of departments, touching any matters that may concern their departments on subjects before them. He shall also have supervisory power over the accounts of the marshals, clerks and officers of all the courts of the Confederate States, and all claims against the Confederate States.

Duties of the Attorney General.

Supervisory power over accounts of marshals and officers of the courts.

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