

rank of major, and four Assistant Adjutants General, with the rank of captain.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted.* That the Quartermaster General's Department shall consist of one Quartermaster General, with the rank of colonel; six Quartermasters, with the rank of major; and as many Assistant Quartermasters, as may from time to time be required by the service, may be detailed by the War Department from the subalterns of the line, who, in addition to their pay in the line, shall receive twenty dollars per month while engaged in that service. The quartermasters herein provided for shall also discharge the duties of paymasters, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

Officers in the Quartermaster General's Department; their rank and pay.

Quartermasters to discharge the duties of paymasters.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the Commissary General's Department shall consist of one Commissary General, with the rank of colonel; four Commissaries, with the rank of captain, and as many Assistant Commissaries, as may from time to time be required by the service, may be detailed by the War Department from the subalterns of the line, who, in addition to their pay in the line, shall receive twenty dollars per month while engaged in that service. The assistant quartermasters and assistant commissaries shall be subject to duties in both departments at the same time, but shall not receive the additional compensation but in one department.

Officers in Commissary General's Department; their rank and pay.

Assistant quartermasters and Commissaries subject to duty in both departments.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the Medical Department shall consist of one Surgeon General, with the rank of colonel; four Surgeons, with the rank of major, and six Assistant Surgeons, with the rank of captain; and as many Assistant Surgeons, as the service may require, may be employed by the Department of War, and receive the pay of assistant surgeons.

Officers in Medical Department; their rank and pay.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the officers of the Adjutant General's, Quartermaster General's and Commissary General's Departments, though eligible to command, according to the rank they hold in the army of the Confederate States of America, shall not assume command of troops, unless put on duty under orders which specially so direct by authority of the President. The officers of the Medical Department shall not exercise command except in their own department.

Officers in the Departments not to assume command of troops.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted,* That the staff officers herein provided for shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress, and shall receive such pay and allowances as shall be hereafter established by law.

Staff officers to be appointed by the President.

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CHAP. XVIII.—An Act in relation to Public Printing.

February 27, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the Secretary of Congress shall, after each session, prepare for publication fair copies of all the acts passed by Congress, and resolutions of a public nature intended to have the effect of laws, together with the Constitutions for a Provisional and Permanent Government of this Confederacy, adopted by this Congress.

Acts and resolutions of Congress, and Provisional and Permanent Constitutions to be published.

SEC. 2. The acts shall be arranged under appropriate titles, shall have marginal notes to each section, and be fully indexed.

How acts to be arranged.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall also prepare for publication copies of the public journal of the proceedings of this Congress, and a full index for the same.

Journal of proceedings of Congress to be published.

Acts and journals to be delivered to public printer; his duty.

SEC. 4. The acts and journals, when prepared, shall be delivered to the public printers, who shall, without delay, publish three thousand copies of each, in a style equal in execution, and upon paper of the same quality in every respect, as the laws of the United States, as annually published by Messrs. Little & Brown.

Acts to be bound; fee for binding.

SEC. 5. The acts of Congress thus published shall be bound by the public printers, in a style not inferior to the acts of the General Assembly of the State of Alabama, for which service he shall receive the sum of twenty-five cents per copy.

Compensation of public printer for the publication of the laws and journals.

SEC. 6. The public printer shall be entitled to receive as compensation for the publication of the laws and journals the following prices, viz.:

For each page of the laws and journals, including press work, paper, pressing, folding and stitching, the sum of six dollars.

For job printing.

SEC. 7. For all job printing ordered by Congress the public printers shall receive the following compensation and no more, viz.:

Bills, resolutions and reports;

First: For bills, resolutions and reports—For composition per page (foolscap) one dollar and seventy-five cents; for press work, folding and stitching one hundred copies, twenty-five cents per page, and *pro rata* for all copies over one hundred.

Rules, Constitutions and other pamphlets;

Second: For rules, constitutions and other pamphlets—For composition per page, (octavo) in small pica, plain, one dollar; in small pica, rule, one dollar and fifty cents; for brevier, plain, one dollar and fifty cents; for brevier, rule, two dollars; for rule and figure work on page larger than royal octavo, per 1,000 ems, one dollar; for press work, including folding and stitching, per token, seventy cents.

Yeas and nays, circular letters and other miscellaneous printing.

Third: For yeas and nays, circular letters, and other miscellaneous printing ordered by Congress—For composition, plain work, per 1,000 ems, seventy cents; rule and figure work, per 1,000 ems, one dollar; for press work, including folding and stitching, per token or fraction of token, seventy cents.

For paper.

Fourth: For all paper on which printing is done for Congress, the public printer shall be allowed the fair market cost thereof, and twenty per centum additional thereto.

Extra pay allowed for work done for Congress when in secret session.

Fifth: On all work done for Congress when in secret session the public printer shall receive an additional compensation of ten per centum on the above rates.

Heads of Departments to contract for printing for their offices.

SEC. 8. The chief officers of the executive departments of the government are hereby authorized to contract for all necessary printing in connection with their several offices, in no case, however, at higher rates of compensation than hereinbefore prescribed for work done for Congress.

Postmaster General to contract for the publication of blanks for his office; at what rates.

SEC. 9. The Postmaster General shall contract for the publication of all post bills and other blanks connected with his office, not exceeding the following rates: For composition, including rule and figure work, per 1,000 ems, fifty cents; for presswork, per clean token, (the sheets not to be not less than 16 by 26 inches) fifty cents; for paper, ten per cent. on actual cost. Nothing shall be allowed for altering the name of a postmaster on a post bill or other blank, nor shall there be an additional charge for composition when the name of the postoffice above is changed. But the printer shall be required to keep always on hand forms for postoffice blanks, and when new orders are given, the charge shall be made only for the press work and paper, and such new composition as may be necessary.

Printer to keep on hand certain forms for postoffice blanks.

Charge for new orders.

SEC. 10. All accounts for printing done for Congress or any one of the executive departments shall, before the same are allowed and paid, be sworn to by the public printer or contractor; shall be accompanied

Accounts for printing; how made out and certified.

by vouchers, showing the cost of the paper used and the quantity thereof, and shall be certified to be correctly made out under the law by at least two disinterested practical printers in no way connected with the office or business of the claimant.

SEC. 11. The foregoing rates and provisions do not apply to advertisements in public gazettes by order of any of the executive departments, for which the usual fees paid by other advertisers shall be allowed. But no advertisement from any of the executive departments shall be inserted in more than three public gazettes in the same State.

Usual fees to be paid for advertisements in public gazettes.

SEC. 12. When printing on parchment is required to be done for any executive department, the parchment shall be purchased and furnished by such department, and a special contract made for such printing, not exceeding ten dollars per thousand copies.

Printing on parchment.

SEC. 13. There shall be connected with the Department of Justice a Bureau of Printing, the chief officer of which shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress, and shall be known as the Superintendent of Public Printing. No person shall be eligible to this office who is not skilled in and acquainted with the practical details of the business of printing; nor shall the Superintendent of Public Printing be in any manner, directly or indirectly, interested in the contracts for public printing, nor with the printing office at which the same is done, nor connected with any newspaper in any capacity whatever.

Bureau of printing established; its chief officer, and by whom appointed.

Eligibility to office of Superintendent of Public Printing.

SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to supervise, direct and control all the printing done by order of Congress, or under contract with any executive department, as to the quality of paper to be used, the character of type, the style of binding, and the general execution of the work; and also as to the time and order in which the same shall be completed. It shall be his duty also to report to the head of the department, at least once a year, the condition of the public printing—stating the amount paid out for the same on each contract, specifying the amount paid out under the order of each department, and giving estimates of the probable expenditure for the succeeding year; which report shall be laid before the Congress by the President, in connection with his annual message. It shall be his duty also to take from every contractor for public printing such bond, with good security, as he may require, not exceeding the probable amount of the contract price for the printing to be done by such contractor, and conditioned for the faithful performance of his contract in every particular. Such bonds shall be renewed annually by contractors whose work shall be continuing in its character and extends beyond the year of its commencement.

Duties of the Superintendent.

SEC. 15. All accounts for printing done, when rendered as hereinbefore provided, shall be audited and allowed by the Superintendent of Public Printing before the same shall be paid. If the Superintendent shall refuse to receive any work done, or shall refuse to allow any account rendered, the printer or contractor may appeal from such decision to the head of the department, whose decision on the appeal shall be final and conclusive.

Superintendent to audit and allow accounts for printing, to authorize payment.

Appeal from his decision.

SEC. 16. All laws or parts of laws militating against the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Laws repealed.

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