

to make contracts provided for in this act, in such manner and on such terms as in his judgment the public exigencies may require.

APPROVED February 20, 1861.

CHAP. V.—*An Act to authorize the President to appoint a Private Secretary.*

February 20, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Confederate States of America in Congress assembled, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the President of the Confederate States of America be and he is hereby authorized to appoint a private secretary; through whom he may communicate with Congress, and who shall discharge such duties as may be assigned him by the President, and shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be fixed by law.

President authorized to appoint a private Secretary.

His compensation. See Acts March 7, 1861, and May 21, 1861.

APPROVED February 20, 1861.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to determine the Salaries of the Vice President and of the Heads of Departments.*

February 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the annual compensation of the Vice President, and of the Secretaries of State, of the Treasury, of War, of the Navy, the Postmaster General, and the Attorney General, shall be at the rate of six thousand dollars, payable quarterly in advance.

Salaries of the Vice President and Heads of the Departments.

APPROVED February 21, 1861.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act to organize the Department of State.*

February 21, 1861.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That there shall be an executive department, to be denominated the Department of State; and there shall be a principal officer therein, to be called the Secretary of State, who shall perform and execute such duties as shall from time to time be enjoined on or entrusted to him by the President of the Confederate States, agreeably to the Constitution, relative to correspondences, commissions or instructions to or with public ministers or consuls from the Confederate States, or to negotiations with public ministers from foreign states or princes, or to memorials or other applications from foreign public ministers and other foreigners, or to such other matters respecting foreign affairs as the President of the Confederate States shall assign to the said department; and, furthermore, the said principal officer shall conduct the business of the said department in such manner as the President of the Confederate States shall from time to time order or instruct. Said Secretary shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Congress, and shall receive a compensation to be ascertained and regulated by law.

State Department organized.

Duties of Secretary of State.

By whom appointed; his compensation.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to keep and preserve all bills and resolutions of the Congress having been approved or signed by the President, or otherwise become laws; and he shall carefully preserve the originals, and shall, as soon as conveniently may be after he shall receive the same, cause every such law, order and resolution to be published, in at least three public newspapers published within the Confederate States, and shall also cause two printed copies, duly authenticated, to be sent to the executive authority of each state. It shall be the duty of the secretary to

To keep and preserve the laws.

This clause repealed. See Act of Aug. 5, 1861. Sections 1, 2, 3.

And publish the same.