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## THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

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SEC. 415. There shall be at the seat of Government an Executive Department, to be known as the Department of the Navy, and a Secretary of the Navy, who shall be the head thereof.

Establishment of the Department of the Navy.

30 April, 1798, c. 35, s. 1, v. 1, p. 563.

SEC. 416. There shall be in the Department of the Navy:

Clerks and employés.

One chief clerk, at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars a year, so long as there is no Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and at a salary of two thousand two hundred dollars a year when there is an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, v. 12, p. 510.  
2 July, 1864, c. 219, s. 4, v. 13, p. 373.  
23 July, 1866, c. 208, s. 8, v. 14, p. 207.  
3 Mar., 1871, c. 113, s. 3, v. 16, p. 492.  
3 Mar., 1873, c. 226, s. 1, v. 17, pp. 501, 502.

One disbursing clerk.

One superintendent of the Navy Department building, at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Yards and Docks:

One civil engineer, at a salary of three thousand dollars a year.

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

One draughtsman, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

[See §§ 169, 173, 174, 176.]

In the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Construction and Repair:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

One draughtsman, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Steam Engineering:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

One draughtsman, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

One assistant draughtsman, at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Navigation:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Ordnance:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

One draughtsman, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

In the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery:

One chief clerk, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year.

Procurement of naval stores and equipment of vessels.

30 April, 1798, c. 35, s. 1, v. 1, p. 553.

Custody of the books and records.

30 April, 1798, c. 35, s. 3, v. 1, p. 554.

Establishment of Bureaus.

31 Aug., 1842, c. 286, s. 2, v. 5, p. 579.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, ss. 1, 4, v. 12, pp. 510, 511.

Custody of books and records of Bureaus.

31 Aug., 1842, c. 286, s. 8, v. 5, p. 580.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 4, v. 12, p. 511.

Appointment of chiefs of Bureaus.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, ss. 1, 2, v. 12, p. 510.

3 Mar., 1871, c. 117, s. 10, v. 16, p. 537.

Chiefs of Bureaus of Yards and Docks, Equipment and Recruiting, Navigation, and Ordnance.

Chief of Bureau of Construction and Repair.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 1, v. 12, p. 510.

Chief of Bureau of Steam Engineering.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 1, v. 12, p. 510.

Chief of Bureau of Provisions and Clothing.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 1, v. 12, p. 510.

SEC. 417. The Secretary of the Navy shall execute such orders as he shall receive from the President relative to the procurement of naval stores and materials, and the construction, armament, equipment, and employment of vessels of war, as well as all other matters connected with the naval establishment. [See Title Public Contracts. Also §§ 3660-3667, 3669.]

SEC. 418. The Secretary of the Navy shall have the custody and charge of all the books, records, and other property now remaining in and appertaining to the Department of the Navy, or hereafter acquired by it.

SEC. 419. The business of the Department of the Navy shall be distributed in such manner as the Secretary of the Navy shall judge to be expedient and proper among the following Bureaus:

First. A Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Second. A Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting.

Third. A Bureau of Navigation.

Fourth. A Bureau of Ordnance.

Fifth. A Bureau of Construction and Repair.

Sixth. A Bureau of Steam Engineering.

Seventh. A Bureau of Provisions and Clothing.

Eighth. A Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

SEC. 420. The several Bureaus shall retain the charge and custody of the books of records and accounts pertaining to their respective duties; and all of the duties of the Bureaus shall be performed under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, and their orders shall be considered as emanating from him, and shall have full force and effect as such.

SEC. 421. The chiefs of the several Bureaus in the Department of the Navy shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the classes of officers mentioned in the next five sections respectively, or from officers having the relative rank of captain in the staff corps of the Navy, on the active list, and shall hold their offices for the term of four years.

SEC. 422. The chiefs of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, of the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting, of the Bureau of Navigation, and of the Bureau of Ordnance, shall be appointed from the list of officers of the Navy, not below the grade of commander.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 1, v. 12, p. 510.

SEC. 423. The chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair shall be appointed from the list of officers of the Navy, not below the grade of commander, and shall be a skillful naval constructor.

SEC. 424. The chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering shall be appointed from the chief engineers of the Navy, and shall be a skillful engineer.

SEC. 425. The chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing shall be appointed from the list of paymasters of the Navy of not less than ten years' standing.

SEC. 426. The chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery shall be appointed from the list of the surgeons of the Navy.

Chief of Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 1, v. 12, p. 510.

SEC. 427. The Joint Committee on the Library shall grant to the Department of the Navy the use of such of the engraved plates of the United States Exploring Expedition under Captain Wilkes, in charge of the committee, as may be desired for the purpose of printing a supply of charts for the use of the Department.

Use of engraved plates of Wilkes's Expedition.

26 July, 1866, Res. No. 80, v. 14, p. 366.

SEC. 428. The Secretary of the Navy shall from time to time cause to be collected and transmitted to him at the seat of Government all flags, standards, and colors taken by the Navy from the enemies of the United States.

Collection of enemies' flags.

18 April, 1814, c. 78, s. 1, v. 3, p. 133.

SEC. 429. The Secretary of the Navy shall make annual reports to Congress upon the following subjects: [See §§ 195, 196.]

Reports to Congress by Secretary of the Navy.

First. A statement of the appropriations of the preceding fiscal year for the Department of the Navy, showing the amount appropriated under each specific head of appropriation, the amount expended under each head, and the balance which, on the thirtieth day of June preceding such report, remained unexpended. Such report shall be accompanied by estimates of the probable demands which may remain on each appropriation.

1 May, 1820, c. 52, s. 2, v. 3, p. 567.

3 March, 1843, c. 83, v. 5, p. 617.

27 July, 1866, c. 287, s. 3, v. 14, p. 305.

Second. A statement of all offers for contracts for supplies and services made during the preceding year, by classes, indicating such as have been accepted.

Third. A statement showing the amounts expended during the preceding fiscal year for wages of mechanics and laborers employed in building, repairing, or equipping vessels of the Navy, or in receiving and securing stores and materials for those purposes, and for the purchase of material and stores for the same purpose; and showing the cost or estimated value of the stores on hand, under this appropriation, in the navy-yards, at the commencement of the next preceding fiscal year; and the cost or estimated value of articles received and expended during the year; and the cost or estimated value of the articles belonging to this appropriation which may be on hand in the navy-yards at the close of the next preceding fiscal year.

Fourth. A statement of all acts done by him in making sale of any vessel or materials of the Navy; specifying all vessels and materials sold, the parties buying the same, and the amount realized therefrom, together with such other facts as may be necessary to a full understanding of his acts.

SEC. 430. All estimates for specific, general, and contingent expenses of the Department, and of the several Bureaus, shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Navy by the chiefs of the respective Bureaus.

Estimates for expenses.

[See § 3666.]

5 July, 1862, c. 134, s. 5, v. 12, p. 511.

SEC. 431. There shall be a Hydrographic Office attached to the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department, for the improvement of the means for navigating safely the vessels of the Navy and of the mercantile marine, by providing, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, accurate and cheap nautical charts, sailing directions, navigators, and manuals of instructions for the use of all vessels of the United States, and for the benefit and use of navigators generally.

Hydrographic Office.

21 June, 1866, c. 129, s. 1, v. 14, p. 69.

SEC. 432. The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to cause to be prepared, at the Hydrographic Office attached to the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department, maps, charts, and nautical books relating to and required in navigation, and to publish and furnish them to navigators at the cost of printing and paper, and to purchase the plates and copyrights of such existing maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions, as he may consider necessary, and when he may deem it expedient to do so, and under such regulations and instructions as he may prescribe.

Maps, charts, &c.

21 June, 1866, c. 129, s. 2, v. 14, p. 69.

Money received  
from sale of maps,  
charts, &c.

21 June, 1866, c.  
129, s. 3, v. 14, p. 69.

Naval Observa-  
tory.

3 March, 1865, c.  
114, v. 13, p. 533.

Meridians.

28 Sept., 1850, c.  
80, s. 1, v. 9, p. 515.

Nautical Alma-  
nac.

3 March, 1857, c.  
111, s. 3, v. 11, p.  
246.

SEC. 433. All moneys which may be received from the sale of maps, charts, and nautical books shall be returned by the Secretary of the Navy into the Treasury of the United States, to be used in the further preparation and publication of maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions, and instructions for the use of seamen, to be sold at the rates as set forth in the preceding section.

SEC. 434. The officer of the Navy employed as superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington shall be entitled to receive the shore-duty pay of his grade, and no other.

SEC. 435. The meridian of the Observatory at Washington shall be adopted and used as the American meridian for all astronomical purposes, and the meridian of Greenwich shall be adopted for all nautical purposes.

SEC. 436. The Secretary of the Navy may place the supervision of the Nautical Almanac in charge of any officer or professor of mathematics in the Navy who is competent for that service. Such officer or professor, when so employed, shall be entitled to receive the shore-duty pay of his grade, and no other.