

TITLE V.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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SEC. 199. There shall be at the seat of Government an Executive Department to be known as the Department of State, and a Secretary of State, who shall be the head thereof.

27 July, 1789, c. 4, s. 1, v. 1, p. 28. 15 Sept., 1789, c. 14, s. 1, v. 1, p. 68.

SEC. 200. There shall be in the Department of State an Assistant Secretary of State, and a Second Assistant Secretary of State, each of whom shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be entitled to a salary of six thousand dollars a year, to be paid monthly. [See § 177.]

25 July, 1866, c. 233, s. 2, v. 14, p. 226. 3 March, 1873, c. 226, s. 1, v. 17, p. 486.

SEC. 201. There shall be in the Department of State:

One chief clerk, at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars a year.

Two chiefs of the Diplomatic Bureaus, at a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars a year, each.

Two chiefs of the Consular Bureaus, at a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars a year, each.

Chief of the Bureau of Accounts, at a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars a year.

Chief of the Bureau of Indexes and Archives, at a salary of two thousand four hundred dollars a year.

One disbursing clerk. [See §§ 169, 173, 174, 176.]

SEC. 202. The Secretary of State shall perform such duties as shall from time to time be enjoined on or intrusted to him by the President relative to correspondences, commissions, or instructions to or with public ministers or consuls from the United States, or to negotiations with public ministers from foreign states or princes, or to memorials or other applications from foreign public ministers or other foreigners, or to such other matters respecting foreign affairs as the President of the United States shall assign to the Department, and he shall conduct the business of the Department in such manner as the President shall direct.

SEC. 203. The Secretary of State shall have the custody and charge of the seal of the United States and of the seal of the Department of State, and of all the books, records, papers, furniture, fixtures, and other property now remaining in and appertaining to the Department, or hereafter acquired for it.

SEC. 204. Whenever a bill, order, resolution, or vote of the Senate and House of Representatives, having been approved and signed by the President, or not having been returned by him with his objections, becomes a law, or takes effect, it shall forthwith be received by the Secretary of State from the President; and whenever a bill, order, resolution,

Establishment of the Department of State.

Assistant and Second Assistant Secretaries of State.

3 March, 1853, c. 97, s. 6, v. 10, p. 212.

Subordinate officers, &c.

3 March, 1855, c. 175, s. 4, v. 10, p. 669.

22 May, 1872, c. 194, v. 17, p. 145.

3 March, 1873, c. 226, s. 3, v. 17, p. 508.

Management of foreign affairs.

27 July, 1789, c. 4, s. 1, v. 1, p. 28.

15 Sept., 1789, c. 14, s. 1, v. 1, p. 68.

[See §§ 3660-3665, 3669, 1794.]

Custody of seals and property.

15 Sept., 1789, c. 14, s. 7, v. 1, p. 69.

27 July, 1789, c. 4, ss. 2, 4, v. 1, p. 29.

Promulgation of the laws.

15 Sept., 1789, c. 14, s. 2, v. 1, p. 68.

7 July, 1838, c. 187, v. 5, p. 302.

Gardner vs. The
Collector, 6 Wall.,
499.

or vote is returned by the President with his objections, and, on being reconsidered, is agreed to be passed, and is approved by two-thirds of both Houses of Congress, and thereby becomes a law or takes effect, it shall be received by the Secretary of State from the President of the Senate, or Speaker of the House of Representatives, in whichever House it shall last have been so approved; and the Secretary of State shall, as soon as conveniently may be after he receives the same, cause every such law, order, resolution, and vote, to be published in at least three of the public newspapers printed within the United States, and shall also cause one printed copy to be delivered to each Senator and Representative of the United States, and two printed copies duly authenticated to be sent to the executive authority of each State; and he shall carefully preserve the originals.

Amendments to
Constitution.

20 April, 1818, c.
30, s. 2, v. 3, p. 439.

SEC. 205. Whenever official notice is received at the Department of State that any amendment proposed to the Constitution of the United States has been adopted, according to the provisions of the Constitution, the Secretary of State shall forthwith cause the amendment to be published in the newspapers authorized to promulgate the laws, with his certificate, specifying the States by which the same may have been adopted, and that the same has become valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.

State statutes to
be procured.

SEC. 206. The Secretary of State shall procure from time to time such of the statutes of the several States as may not be in his office.

23 Sept., 1789, Res. No. 3, v. 1, p. 97.

Report of returns
of collectors and
foreign agents.

2 March, 1799, c.
41, s. 2, v. 1, p. 731.

SEC. 207. The Secretary of State shall lay before Congress, within ten days after the commencement of each regular session, a statement containing an abstract of all the returns made to him pursuant to law, by the collectors of the different ports, of the seamen registered by them, together with an account of such impressments and detentions as shall appear by the protests of the masters to have taken place.

Reports of foreign
regulations of com-
merce, other com-
mercial informa-
tion, and consular
fees.

16 Aug., 1842, c.
181, v. 5, p. 507.

18 Aug., 1856, c.
127, ss. 16, 18, 22, v.
11, pp. 57, 58, 60.

18 Aug., 1856, c.
170, s. 2, v. 11, p.
139.

18 Aug., 1856, c.
127, s. 16, v. 11, pp.
58, 59.

18 Aug., 1856, c.
127, s. 18, v. 11, pp.
58, 59.

22 Feb., 1873, c.
187, s. 1, v. 17, p.
473.

SEC. 208. The Secretary of State shall annually lay before Congress: First. A statement, in a compendious form, of all such changes and modifications in the commercial systems of other nations, whether by treaties, duties on imports and exports, or other regulations, as shall have been communicated to the Department, including all commercial information contained in the official publications of other governments, which he shall deem sufficiently important.

Second. A synopsis of so much of the information which may have been communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers during the preceding year as he may deem valuable for public information; specifying the names of any consuls or commercial agents who may have been remiss in transmitting commercial information.

Third. A full list of all consular officers.

Fourth. A report of any rates or tariffs of fees to be received by diplomatic or consular officers, which may have been prescribed by the President during the year preceding.

Fifth. A statement of such fees as may have been collected, accounted for, and reported by the various diplomatic and consular officers during the preceding year.

Sixth. A statement of the lists of passengers arriving in the United States from foreign places, returned to him quarter-yearly by the collectors of customs.

Seventh. A statement of the names of any consular officers, not citizens of the United States, to whom salaries have been paid during the year preceding, together with the circumstances under which they were appointed. [See §§ 195, 196.]

Statement of ex-
penditures from
contingent fund.

9 May, 1836, c. 59,
s. 2, v. 5, p. 25.

SEC. 209. The annual statement of expenditures from the contingent fund required to be made by the Secretary of State, must include all the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse and of all the missions abroad, except such expenditures as are settled upon the certificate of the President.

SEC. 210. The Secretary of State shall furnish to the Congressional Printer a correct copy of every act and joint resolution, as soon as possible after its approval by the President, or after it has become a law in accordance with the Constitution without such approval; also of every treaty between the United States and any foreign government as soon as possible after it has been duly ratified and has been proclaimed by the President; and also of every postal convention made between the Postmaster-General, by and with the advice and consent of the President, on the part of the United States and foreign countries, as soon as possible after copies of such conventions have been transmitted to him by the Postmaster-General. [See § 399.]

Copies of acts and treaties furnished to Printer.

9 March, 1868, c. 22, s. 1, v. 15, p. 40.
8 June, 1872, c. 335, s. 20, v. 17, p. 287.

SEC. 211. The Secretary of State shall publish official notifications, from time to time, of such commercial information communicated to him by diplomatic and consular officers, as he may deem important to the public interests, in such newspapers, not to exceed three in number, as he may select.

Publication of commercial information.

18 Aug., 1856, c. 127, s. 2, v. 11, p. 60.

SEC. 212. The clerk in the Department of State who may from time to time be assigned to the duty of examining applications for passports is authorized to receive and attest, but without charge to the affiant, all oaths or affidavits required by law or by the rules of the Department of State to be made before granting passports. [See §§ 4075-4078.]

Passports.

3 Feb., 1870, Res. No. 8, v. 16, p. 368.

SEC. 213. For making out and authenticating copies of records in the Department of State, a fee of ten cents for each sheet containing one hundred words shall be paid by the person requesting such copies, except where they are requested by an officer of the United States in a matter relating to his office.

Fees for copies of records.

15 Sept., 1789, c. 14, s. 6, v. 1, p. 69.