

death, resignation, absence, or sickness of the Commissioner, his duties shall devolve upon the Deputy Commissioner, until a successor is appointed or such absence or sickness ceases. The Deputy Commissioner shall be entitled to receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars.

SEC. 473. The Commissioner of Pensions is authorized, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to appoint a person to sign the name of the Commissioner to certificates or warrants for bounty-lands; and certificates or warrants so signed shall be as valid as if signed by the Commissioner.

Person to sign bounty-land warrants.

20 Feb., 1856, c. 1, v. 11, p. 1.

SEC. 474. The Commissioner of Pensions is authorized to detail, from time to time, any of the clerks in his Office to investigate any suspected attempts to defraud the United States, in or affecting the administration of any law relative to pensions, and to aid in prosecuting any person implicated, with such additional compensation as is customary in cases of special service. Any person so detailed shall have the power to administer oaths in the course of any such investigation.

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3 March, 1873, c. 234, s. 30, v. 17, p. 575.

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Establishment of the Patent-Office.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 1, v. 16, p. 198.

SEC. 476. There shall be in the Patent-Office a Commissioner of Patents, one Assistant Commissioner, and three examiners-in-chief, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. All other officers, clerks, and employés authorized by law for the Office shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, upon the nomination of the Commissioner of Patents. [See § 169.]

Officers and employés.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 2, v. 16, p. 198.

SEC. 477. The salaries of the officers mentioned in the preceding section shall be as follows:

Salaries.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 4, v. 16, p. 199.

The Commissioner of Patents, four thousand five hundred dollars a year.

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents, three thousand dollars a year.

Three examiners-in-chief, three thousand dollars a year each.

SEC. 478. The seal heretofore provided for the Patent-Office shall be the seal of the Office, with which letters-patent and papers issued from the Office shall be authenticated.

Seal.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 12, v. 16, p. 200.

Bonds of Commissioner and chief clerk.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 6, v. 16, p. 199.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 16, v. 16, p. 200.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 7, v. 16, p. 199.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 10, v. 16, p. 199.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 19, v. 16, p. 200.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 14, v. 16, p. 200.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 17, v. 16, p. 200.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 18, v. 16, p. 200.

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8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 20, v. 16, p. 200.

Printing specifications and drawings.

11 Jan., 1871, Res. No. 5 v. 16, p. 590.

SEC. 479. The Commissioner of Patents and the chief clerk, before entering upon their duties, shall severally give bond, with sureties, to the Treasurer of the United States, the former in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and the latter in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and that they shall render to the proper officers of the Treasury a true account of all money received by virtue of their offices.

SEC. 480. All officers and employés of the Patent-Office shall be incapable, during the period for which they hold their appointments, to acquire or take, directly or indirectly, except by inheritance or bequest, any right or interest in any patent issued by the Office.

SEC. 481. The Commissioner of Patents, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, shall superintend or perform all duties respecting the granting and issuing of patents directed by law; and he shall have charge of all books, records, papers, models, machines, and other things belonging to the Patent-Office.

SEC. 482. The examiners-in-chief shall be persons of competent legal knowledge and scientific ability, whose duty it shall be, on the written petition of the appellant, to revise and determine upon the validity of the adverse decisions of examiners upon applications for patents, and for re-issues of patents, and in interference cases; and, when required by the Commissioner, they shall hear and report upon claims for extensions, and perform such other like duties as he may assign them.

SEC. 483. The Commissioner of Patents, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, may from time to time establish regulations, not inconsistent with law, for the conduct of proceedings in the Patent-Office.

SEC. 484. The Commissioner of Patents shall cause to be classified and arranged in suitable cases, in the rooms and galleries provided for that purpose, the models, specimens of composition, fabrics, manufactures, works of art, and designs, which have been or shall be deposited in the Patent-Office; and the rooms and galleries shall be kept open during suitable hours for public inspection.

SEC. 485. The Commissioner of Patents may restore to the respective applicants such of the models belonging to rejected applications as he shall not think necessary to be preserved, or he may sell or otherwise dispose of them after the application has been finally rejected for one year, paying the proceeds into the Treasury, as other patent-moneys are directed to be paid.

SEC. 486. There shall be purchased for the use of the Patent-Office a library of such scientific works and periodicals, both foreign and American, as may aid the officers in the discharge of their duties, not exceeding the amount annually appropriated for that purpose.

SEC. 487. For gross misconduct the Commissioner of Patents may refuse to recognize any person as a patent-agent, either generally or in any particular case; but the reasons for such refusal shall be duly recorded, and be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 488. The Commissioner of Patents may require all papers filed in the Patent-Office, if not correctly, legibly, and clearly written, to be printed at the cost of the party filing them.

SEC. 489. The Commissioner of Patents may print, or cause to be printed, copies of the claims of current issues, and copies of such laws, decisions, regulations, and circulars as may be necessary for the information of the public.

SEC. 490. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to have printed, from time to time, for gratuitous distribution, not to exceed one hundred and fifty copies of the complete specifications and drawings of each patent hereafter issued, together with suitable indexes, one copy to be placed for free public inspection in each capitol of every State and Territory, one for the like purpose in the clerk's office of the district court

of each judicial district of the United States, except when such offices are located in State or territorial capitols, and one in the Library of Congress, which copies shall be certified under the hand of the Commissioner and seal of the Patent-Office, and shall not be taken from the depositories for any other purpose than to be used as evidence.

SEC. 491. The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to have printed such additional numbers of copies of specifications and drawings, certified as provided in the preceding section, at a price not to exceed the contract price for such drawings, for sale, as may be warranted by the actual demand for the same; and he is also authorized to furnish a complete set of such specifications and drawings to any public library which will pay for binding the same into volumes to correspond with those in the Patent-Office, and for the transportation of the same, and which shall also provide for proper custody for the same, with convenient access for the public thereto, under such regulations as the Commissioner shall deem reasonable.

Additional specifications and drawings.

11 Jan., 1871, Res. No. 5, v. 16, p. 590.

SEC. 492. The lithographing and engraving required by the two preceding sections shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidders for the interests of the Government, due regard being paid to the execution of the work, after due advertising by the Congressional Printer under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing; but the Joint Committee on Printing may empower the Congressional Printer to make immediate contracts for engraving, whenever, in their opinion, the exigencies of the public service will not justify waiting for advertisement and award; or if, in the judgment of the Joint Committee on Printing, the work can be performed under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents more advantageously than in the manner above prescribed, it shall be so done, under such limitations and conditions as the Joint Committee on Printing may from time to time prescribe.

Lithographing and engraving.

11 Jan., 1871, Res. No. 5, v. 16, p. 590.
24 Mar., 1871, c. 5, s. 1, v. 17, p. 2.

SEC. 493. The price to be paid for uncertified printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents shall be determined by the Commissioner of Patents, within the limits of ten cents as the minimum and fifty cents as the maximum price.

Price of copies of specifications and drawings.

24 March, 1871, c. 5, s. 2, v. 17, p. 3.

SEC. 494. The Commissioner of Patents shall lay before Congress, in the month of January, annually, a report, giving a detailed statement of all moneys received for patents, for copies of records or drawings, or from any other source whatever; a detailed statement of all expenditures for contingent and miscellaneous expenses; a list of all patents which were granted during the preceding year, designating under proper heads the subjects of such patents; an alphabetical list of all the patentees, with their places of residence; a list of all patents which have been extended during the year; and such other information of the condition of the Patent-Office as may be useful to Congress or the public.

Annual report of the Commissioner.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 9, v. 16, p. 199.

SEC. 495. The collections of the Exploring Expedition, now in the Patent-Office, shall be under the care and management of the Commissioner of Patents.

[See §§ 195, 196.]
Custody of collections of Exploring Expeditions.

4 Aug. 1854, c. 242, s. 8, v. 10, p. 572.
Disbursements for Patent-Office.

SEC. 496. All disbursements for the Patent-Office shall be made by the disbursing clerk of the Interior Department.

8 July, 1870, c. 230, s. 69, v. 16, p. 209.

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