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except that, as to their duties as such clerks, the commanding officer at the base, post, or reservation at which they are stationed shall require them to be governed by the Postal Laws and Regulations of the United States. Whenever necessity arises therefor any assistant mail clerk may be required by such commanding officer to perform the duties of mail clerk. Compensation for services shall be paid by the War Department in addition to that paid them in the grade to which they are assigned, such sum in the case of mail clerks not to exceed $500 per annum, and in the case of assistant mail clerks not to exceed $300 per annum, as may be determined and allowed by the War Department.

Compensation.

Approved, August 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 393]

AN ACT

August 21, 1941
[H. R. 4784]
[Public Law 239]

To amend the Act relating to preventing the publication of inventions in the national interest, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1940 (Public, Numbered 700, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session, ch. 501), be amended by adding the following sections:

Publication of inventions.
Prevention of, in national interest.
54 Stat. 710.
35 U. S. C. § 42 and note.

"SEC. 3. No person shall file or cause or authorize to be filed in any foreign country an application for patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of any invention made in the United States, except when authorized in each case by a license obtained from the Commissioner of Patents under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe.

Application for patent, etc., abroad.
License requirement.

"SEC. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 4886 and 4887 of the Revised Statutes (35 U. S. C., secs. 31 and 32), any person and the successors, assigns, or legal representatives of any such person shall be debarred from receiving a United States patent for an invention if such person, or such successors, assigns, or legal representatives shall, without procuring the authorization prescribed in section 3 hereof, have made or consented to or assisted another's making application in a foreign country for a patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of such invention where authorization for such application is required by the provisions of section 3, and any such United States patent actually issued to any such person, successors, assigns, or legal representatives so debarred or becoming debarred shall be invalid.

Effect of noncompliance.

"SEC. 5. Whoever, during the period or periods of time an invention has been ordered to be kept secret and the grant of a patent thereon withheld pursuant to the Act approved July 1, 1940 (Public, Numbered 700, Seventy-sixth Congress, third session, ch. 501), shall, with knowledge of such order and without due authorization, willfully publish or disclose or authorize or cause to be published or disclosed such invention, or any material information with respect thereto, or whoever, in violation of the provisions of section 3 hereof, shall file or cause or authorize to be filed in any foreign country an application for patent or for the registration of a utility model, industrial design, or model in respect of any invention made in the United States, shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

Penalties.

54 Stat. 710.
35 U. S. C. § 42 and note.

"SEC. 6. If any provision of this Act or of any section thereof or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Act and of such section and application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Separability of provisions.

"Person."

"Application."

Nonapplicability.

Effective date.

"SEC. 7. As used in this Act—

"The term 'person' includes any individual, trustee, corporation, partnership, association, firm, or any other combination of individuals.

"The term 'application' includes applications, and any modifications, amendments, or supplements thereto or continuances thereof.

"SEC. 8. The prohibitions and penalties of this Act shall not apply to any officer or agent of the United States acting within the scope of his authority."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect thirty days after its approval.

Approved, August 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 394]

August 21, 1941
[H. R. 4813]
[Public Law 240]

AN ACT

To amend section 73 of an Act entitled "An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii", approved April 30, 1900, as amended.

Hawaii, public lands.
36 Stat. 444, 447; 42 Stat. 119.
48 U. S. C. § 677.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (q) of section 73 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a government for the Territory of Hawaii", approved April 30, 1900, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Management, disposition, etc.

"(q) All lands in the possession, use, and control of the Territory shall hereafter be managed by the commissioner, except such as shall be set aside for public purposes as hereinafter provided; all sales and other dispositions of such land shall be made by the commissioner or under his direction, for which purpose, if necessary, the land may be transferred to his department from any other department by direction of the Governor, and all patents and deeds of such land shall issue from the office of the commissioner, who shall countersign the same and keep a record thereof. Lands conveyed to the Territory in exchange for other lands that are subject to the land laws of Hawaii, as amended by this Act, shall, except as otherwise provided, have the same status and be subject to such laws as if they had previously been public lands of Hawaii. All orders setting aside lands for forest or other public purposes, or withdrawing the same, shall be made by the Governor, and lands while so set aside for such purposes may be managed as may be provided by the laws of the Territory; the provisions of this paragraph may also be applied where the 'public purposes' are the uses and purposes of the United States, and lands while so set aside may be managed as may be provided by the laws of the United States. The commissioner is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts, prescribe forms of oaths, and, with the approval of the Governor and said board, make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this section and the land laws of Hawaii into full force and effect."

Status of exchanged lands.

Forest, etc., reservations.

Application to lands set aside for U. S. purposes.

Authority of commissioner.

Lands under Hawaiian Homes Commission.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall apply to any lands which are now under, or which may hereafter be placed under, the jurisdiction of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

Approved, August 21, 1941.

[CHAPTER 395]

August 21, 1941
[H. R. 5312]
[Public Law 241]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

Navy.
Public works projects.
Ante, pp. 47, 49, 163; *post*, p. 672.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to establish or develop the following shore activities by the construction of the following public works, with which shall be included the authority to acquire the necessary