

SEC. 459. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of the General Land-Office, in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner, to certify and affix the seal of the Office to all patents for public lands, and to attend to the correct engrossing, recording, and transmission of such patents. He shall prepare alphabetical indexes of the names of patentees, and of persons entitled to patents; and he shall prepare such copies and exemplifications of matters on file or recorded in the General Land-Office as the Commissioner may from time to time direct. Whenever the office of Recorder shall become vacant, or in case of his sickness or absence, the duties of his office shall be performed ad interim by the principal clerk on private land-claims.

SEC. 460. Whenever any person claiming to be interested in or entitled to land, under any grant or patent from the United States, applies to the Department of the Interior for copies of papers filed and remaining therein, in anywise affecting the title to such land, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause such copies to be made out and authenticated, under his hand and the seal of the General Land-Office, for the person so applying.

SEC. 461. All exemplifications of patents, or papers on file or of record in the General Land-Office, which may be required by parties interested, shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon the payment by such parties at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words, and two dollars for copies of township plats or diagrams, with an additional sum of one dollar for the Commissioner's certificate of verification with the General Land-Office seal; and one of the employes of the Office shall be designated by the Commissioner as the receiving clerk, and the amounts so received shall, under the direction of the Commissioner, be paid into the Treasury; but fees shall not be demanded for such authenticated copies as may be required by the officers of any branch of the Government, nor for such unverified copies as the Commissioner in his discretion may deem proper to furnish.

Duties of Recorder.

25 April, 1812, c. 68, s. 8, v. 2, p. 717.
4 July, 1836, c. 352, s. 4, v. 5, p. 111.

Copies of papers filed in the Department.

23 Jan., 1823, c. 6, v. 3, p. 721.
4 July, 1836, c. 352, s. 7, v. 5, p. 111.

Fees for exemplifications of patents, &c.

2 July, 1864, c. 224, v. 13, p. 375.

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SEC. 462. There shall be in the Department of the Interior a Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall be entitled to a salary of three thousand dollars a year.

SEC. 463. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and agreeably to such regulations as the President may prescribe, have the management of all Indian affairs, and of all matters arising out of Indian relations.

SEC. 464. All accounts and vouchers for claims and disbursements connected with Indian affairs shall be transmitted to the Commissioner for administrative examination, and by him passed to the proper accounting officer of the Department of the Treasury for settlement.

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

9 July, 1832, c. 174, s. 1, v. 4, p. 564.

Duties of Commissioner.

9 July, 1832, c. 174, s. 1, v. 4, p. 564.
27 July, 1863, c. 259, s. 1, v. 15, p. 228.

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9 July, 1832, c. 174, s. 3, v. 4, p. 564.

Regulations relating to Indian affairs.

30 June, 1834, c. 162, s. 17, v. 4, p. 738.

Presentation and payment of claims for Indian depredations.

29 May, 1872, c. 233, s. 7, v. 17, p. 190.

Sale of arms, &c., to Indians, prohibited.

14 Feb., 1873, c. 138, s. 1, v. 17, p. 457.

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2 March, 1867, c. 173, s. 3, v. 14, p. 515.

Reports of Indian supplies.

14 Feb., 1873, c. 138, s. 7, v. 17, p. 463.

SEC. 465. The President may prescribe such regulations as he may think fit for carrying into effect the various provisions of any act relating to Indian affairs, and for the settlement of the accounts of Indian affairs.

SEC. 466. The Secretary of the Interior shall prepare and cause to be published such regulations as he may deem proper, prescribing the manner of presenting claims arising under laws or treaty stipulations, for compensation for depredations committed by the Indians, and the degree and character of the evidence necessary to support such claims; he shall carefully investigate all such claims as may be presented, subject to the regulations prepared by him; and no payment on account of any such claims shall be made without a specific appropriation therefor by Congress.

SEC. 467. The Secretary of the Interior shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to prohibit the sale of arms or ammunition within any district or country occupied by uncivilized or hostile Indians, and shall enforce the same.

SEC. 468. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall annually report, separately, to Congress, a tabular statement showing distinctly the separate objects of expenditure under his supervision, and how much disbursed for each object, describing the articles and the quantity of each, and giving the name of each person to whom any part was paid, and how much was paid to him, and for what objects, so far as they relate to the disbursement of the funds appropriated for the incidental, contingent, or miscellaneous expenses of the Indian service, during the fiscal year next preceding each report. [See §§ 195, 196.]

SEC. 469. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall embody in his annual report the reports of all agents or commissioners issuing food, clothing, or supplies of any kind to Indians, stating the number of Indians present and actually receiving the same.

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2 March, 1833, c. 54, s. 1, v. 4, pp. 619, 622.

3 March, 1835, c. 46,

SEC. 470. There shall be in the Department of the Interior a Commissioner of Pensions, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be entitled to receive a salary of four thousand dollars a year.

ss. 1, 2, 3, v. 4, p. 779. 3 March, 1837, c. 43, v. 5, p. 187. 4 March, 1840, c. 4, ss. 1, 2, 3, v. 5, p. 369. 4 March, 1840, c. 4, s. 4, v. 5, p. 370. 20 Jan., 1843, c. 4, v. 5, p. 597. 14 Jan., 1846, c. 4, s. 1, v. 9, p. 3. 19 Jan., 1849, c. 20, s. 1, v. 9, p. 341. 3 March, 1873, c. 226, s. 3, v. 17, p. 508.

Duties of the Commissioner.

2 March, 1833, c. 54, s. 1, v. 4, pp. 619, 622. 3 March, 1835,

SEC. 471. The Commissioner of Pensions shall perform, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, such duties in the execution of the various pension and bounty-land laws as may be prescribed by the President.

c. 46, s. 2, v. 4, p. 779. 3 March, 1837, c. 43, s. 2, v. 5, p. 187. 4 March, 1840, c. 4, s. 2, v. 5, p. 369. 4 March, 1840, c. 4, s. 4, v. 5, p. 370. 20 Jan., 1843, c. 4, s. 2, v. 5, p. 597.

Deputy Commissioner.

3 March, 1873, c. 234, s. 29, v. 17, p. 575.

SEC. 472. There shall be in the Department of the Interior a Deputy Commissioner of Pensions, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be charged with such duties in the Pension Bureau as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, or may be required by law, and in case of