

was born, the State or Territory from which he was appointed to office, and where employed.

2. A list of the names, force, and condition of all the ships and vessels belonging to the United States, and when and where built.

3. Lists of all printers of the laws of the United States, and of all printers employed by Congress or by any Department or officer of the Government, during the two years preceding the last day of September up to which such list is required to be made, with the compensation allowed to each, and designating the Department or officer causing the printing to be executed.

4. A statement of all allowances made by the Postmaster-General, within the same period of two years, to each contractor on contracts for carrying the mail, discriminating the sum paid as stipulated by the original contract and the sums paid as additional allowance.

Distribution of
Biennial Register.

27 April, 1816, Res.
6, s. 3, v. 3, p. 342.

3 March, 1851, c.
32, s. 1, v. 9, p. 600.

SEC. 511. On the first Monday in January, in each year when a new Congress is assembled, there shall be delivered to the President, the Vice-President, each head of a Department, each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, one copy of the Biennial Register; to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, ten copies each, for the use of the respective Houses; to the Library of Congress, twenty-five copies; and to the secretary of state of each State, one copy; and the residue of the copies shall be disposed of as Congress shall, from time to time, direct.

CHAPTER EIGHT.

THE RETURNS OFFICE.

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Returns Office.

2 June, 1862, c. 93,
s. 4, v. 2, p. 412.

Clerk to file re-
turns.

2 June, 1862, c. 93,
s. 4, v. 12, p. 412.

Indexes.

2 June, 1862, c. 93,
s. 4, v. 12, p. 412.

Copies of returns.

2 June, 1862, c. 93,
s. 4, v. 12, p. 412.

SEC. 512. The Secretary of the Interior shall from time to time provide a proper apartment, to be called the Returns Office, in which he shall cause to be filed the returns of contracts made by the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Interior, and shall appoint a clerk of the first class to attend to the same. [See §§ 3744-3747.]

SEC. 513. The clerk of the Returns Office shall file all returns made to the Office, so that the same may be of easy access, keeping all returns made by the same officer in the same place, and numbering them in the order in which they are made.

SEC. 514. The clerk of the Returns Office shall provide and keep an index-book, with the names of the contracting parties, and the number of each contract opposite to the names; and shall submit the index-book and returns to any person desiring to inspect it.

SEC. 515. The clerk of the Returns Office shall furnish copies of such returns to any person paying therefor at the rate of five cents for every one hundred words, to which copies certificates shall be appended in every case by the clerk making the same, attesting their correctness, and that each copy so certified is a full and complete copy of the return.

CHAPTER NINE.

THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION.

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Office of Educa-
tion.

SEC. 516. There shall be in the Department of the Interior a Bureau called the Office of Education, the purpose and duties of which shall be

to collect statistics and facts showing the condition and progress of education in the several States and Territories, and to diffuse such information respecting the organization and management of schools and school-systems, and methods of teaching, as shall aid the people of the United States in the establishment and maintenance of efficient school-systems, and otherwise promote the cause of education throughout the country.

SEC. 517. The management of the Office of Education shall, subject to the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, be intrusted to a Commissioner of Education, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be entitled to a salary of three thousand dollars a year.

2 Mar., 1867, c. 158, s. 1, v. 14, p. 434.
20 July, 1868, c. 176, s. 1, v. 15, pp. 92, 106.

Commissioner of Education.

2 Mar., 1867, c. 158, s. 2, v. 14, p. 434.
20 July, 1868, c. 176, s. 1, v. 15, pp. 92, 106.

SEC. 518. The Commissioner of Education shall present annually to Congress a report embodying the results of his investigations and labors, together with a statement of such facts and recommendations as will, in his judgment, subserve the purpose for which the office is established.

Duties of Commissioner.

2 Mar., 1867, c. 158, s. 3, v. 14, p. 434.

SEC. 519. The Chief of Engineers shall furnish proper offices for the use of the Office of Education.

Rooms for Office of Education.

2 March, 1867, c. 158, s. 4, v. 14, p. 434. 2 March, 1867, c. 167, s. 2, v. 14, p. 466.