

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 15, 1864.—Read first and second times, referred to the Committee on Printing and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. DUPRE.]

AN ACT

To provide for the safe custody, printing, publication and distribution of the laws, and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the Department of Justice.

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*
2 *enact*, That it shall be the duty of the Attorney General, at the
3 close of each session of Congress, to select from the laws and
4 resolutions such as may be of a public nature, and which, in his
5 judgment, require immediate publication, and cause the same
6 to be inserted, weekly, for four weeks, in the public gazettes
7 published in each State, selecting such gazettes as shall, in his
8 judgment, most generally distribute the laws and resolutions
9 through the entire limits of the several States.

1 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the said Attorney General, at
2 the close of each session of Congress, to cause all the laws, and
3 resolutions having the force of laws, and all treaties entered into
4 by the Confederate States, to be published under the Superin-

5 tendent of Public Printing. The laws shall be arranged in the
6 order of their date; shall have marginal notes to each section;
7 shall be fully indexed, and shall be published on the best paper
8 that can be secured by said Superintendent, to the number of
9 ——— thousand copies, in a style equal in execution to the
10 edition of the laws of the United States, as annually published
11 by Little & Brown. They shall be bound in pamphlet, in a
12 style not inferior to that in which the laws published by Little
13 & Brown are annually; and one thousand copies thereof shall
14 be preserved and bound in calf, in a solid and substantial manner,
15 as often as the number of pages shall be sufficient to form a
16 volume of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand
17 pages; and whenever the volumes are thus bound, a new index
18 shall be made, comprising the contents of the whole volume.

1 SEC. 3. The printing of the laws, as required by the foregoing
2 section, shall be executed by the Public Printer, under the direc-
3 tion of the Superintendent of Public Printing, and, until other-
4 wise provided for, the compensation for the printing of the said
5 laws, and the publication thereof, as provided for in the first
6 section, and the binding thereof in pamphlet form, as well as all
7 the printing ordered by either House of Congress, and all other
8 work printed for any of the Departments of the Government,
9 shall be such as the Joint Committee on Printing of the two
10 Houses may determine to be equitable: *Provided*, That until

11 otherwise ordered, the Superintendent of Public Printing, under
12 the direction of the Attorney General, shall have authority to
13 apportion the printing for the several Executive Departments
14 (the Post Office Department excepted) among the different print-
15 ing establishments in the city of Richmond, where the work can
16 be most speedily returned without the formality of making reg-
17 ular contracts.

1 SEC. 4. The laws, when bound in pamphlet form, shall be
2 distributed as follows: — copies to each member of Congress,
3 twenty copies to each Secretary of the Senate and the Clerks of
4 the House of Representatives, one copy to each committee of the
5 two Houses of Congress, five copies to the President and Vice
6 President, two hundred copies to the Department of State, for its
7 own use and for distribution among the diplomatic and consular
8 offices of the Confederate States, six hundred copies to the De-
9 partment of the Treasury, for its own use and for distribution
10 among the revenue officers of the Government, two hundred copies
11 to the Department of Justice, for its own use, and for distribu-
12 tion among the judges, clerks, marshals, and attorneys of the
13 Confederate States, fifty copies each to the Departments of War
14 and Navy, and to the Postmaster General, — copies to the
15 Governors of the several States, for the use of the States. The
16 remaining copies shall be preserved in the Department of Justice,
17 subject to the further order of Congress; and the remaining

18 copies, now in the Attorney General's office, of the laws of
19 the first, second, third and fourth sessions of the permanent
20 Congress

1 SEC. 5. Any printer or publisher who may desire to print and
2 publish an edition of the laws of the Confederate States may do
3 so at his expense, and for his own benefit; and the Attorney
4 General shall grant a certificate of authentication to any such
5 edition of the laws as shall conform to the standard now required
6 for the printing and publication of the laws. Any edition of
7 the the laws so authenticated shall avail for all purposes for
8 which the official publication may now be used.

1 SEC. 6. The Attorney General is authorized to appoint an
2 additional clerk in the Department of Justice for the purpose of
3 carrying into effect the provisions of this act, to be called the
4 Law Clerk of said Department, at a salary of , and also such
5 other additional clerical force as he may deem necessary to aid
6 the Law Clerk to prepare promptly the laws for publication, as
7 provided herein.

1 SEC. 7. All laws and parts of laws heretofore enacted providing
2 for the safe custody, preservation, printing, publication and dis-
3 tribution of the laws are hereby repealed, with the exception of
4 the second section of the act entitled "An act to provide for the
5 safe custody, printing, publication and distribution of the laws,
6 and to provide for the appointment of an additional clerk in the
7 Department of Justice," approved the seventeenth of February,
8 eighteen hundred and sixty-two.