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Forty-Third Congress, Session I
Chapter 333 — 18 Stat. 113
June 20, 1874

AN ACT *providing for publication of the revised statutes and the laws of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing contract or contracts between the Secretary of State on the part of the United States, and Charles C. Little, Augustus Flagg, Henry T. Miles, and John Bartlett, of Boston, known as the firm of Little, Brown and Company, dated the twenty-eighth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and all other contracts between the United States or any officer thereof with said firm of Little, Brown and Company, respecting the printing or publication of the laws of the United States, are hereby declared to be determined, pursuant to the powers therein reserved.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of State is hereby charged with the duty of causing to be prepared for printing, publication and distribution the revised statutes of the United States enacted at this present session of Congress; that he shall cause to be completed the head notes of the several titles and chapters and the marginal notes referring to the statutes from which each section was compiled and repealed by said revision; and references to the decisions of the courts of the United States explaining or expounding the same, and such decisions of State courts as he may deem expedient, with a full and complete index to the same. And when the same shall be completed, the said Secretary shall duly certify the same under the seal of the United States, and when printed and promulgated as hereinafter provided, the printed volumes shall be legal evidence of the laws and treaties therein contained, in all the courts of the United States, and of the several States and Territories.

SEC. 3. That the revision of the statutes of a general and permanent nature, with the index thereto, shall be printed in one volume, and shall be entitled and labeled "Revised Statutes of the United States;" and the revision of the statutes relating to the District of Columbia; to post-roads, and the public treaties in force on the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, with a suitable index to each, shall be published in a separate volume, and entitled and labeled "Revised Statutes relating to District of Columbia and Post-Roads. Public Treaties."

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of State shall cause the two volumes to be stereotyped and such number of each volume to be printed and substantially bound at the Government Printing Office as he may deem needful, for public distribution as hereinafter provided, and for sale by his office.

SEC. 5. That he shall, in like manner, cause to be edited, printed, published and distributed pamphlet copies of the statutes of the present and each future session of Congress, to the officers and persons hereinafter provided, and bound copies of the laws of each Congress to the number of two thousand copies to be distributed in the manner now provided by law, and uniform with the said edition of the revised statutes.

SEC. 6. That at the close of every session of Congress the Secretary of State shall cause to be distributed pamphlet copies of the acts and resolves of Congress for that session, edited and printed in the manner aforesaid, as follows: To the President and Vice President of the United States, two copies each; to each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one copy; to the librarian of the Senate, for the use of Senators, one hundred and twenty-six copies; to the librarian of the House, two hundred and fifty copies, for the use of the Representatives and Delegates; to the Library of Congress, fourteen copies; to the Department of State, including those for the use of legations and consulates, six hundred copies; to the Treasury Department,

two hundred copies; to the War Department, including those for the use of officers of the Army, two hundred copies; to the Navy Department, including those for the use of officers of the Navy, one hundred copies; to the Department of the Interior, including those for the use of the surveyors-general and registers and receivers of public land offices, two hundred and fifty copies; to the Post-Office Department, fifty copies; to the Department of Justice, including those for the use of the chief and associate justices, the judges and the officers of the United States and territorial courts, four hundred and twenty-five copies; to the Department of Agriculture, ten copies; to the Smithsonian Institution, five copies; to the Government Printing Office, two copies; to the governors and secretaries of Territories, one copy each; to be retained in the custody of the Secretary of State, one thousand copies; and ten thousand copies shall be distributed to the States and Territories in proportion to the number of Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress to which they are at the time entitled.

SEC. 7. That after the close of each Congress the Secretary of State shall have edited, printed and bound a sufficient number of the volumes containing the Statutes at Large enacted by that Congress to enable him to distribute copies, or as many thereof as may be needed, as follows: To the President of the United States, four copies, one of which shall be for the library of the Executive Mansion, and one copy shall be for the use of the Commissioner of Public Buildings; to the Vice President of the United States, one copy; to each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress, one copy; to the librarian of the Senate, for the use of Senators, one hundred and fourteen copies; to the librarian of the House, for the use of Representatives and Delegates, four hundred and ten copies; to the Library of Congress, fourteen copies, including four copies for the law library; to the Department of State, including those for the use of legations and consulates, three hundred and eighty copies; to the Treasury Department, including those for the use of officers of customs, two hundred and sixty

copies; to the War Department, including a copy for the Military Academy at West Point, fifty copies; to the Navy Department, including a copy for the library at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, a copy for the library of each navy-yard in the United States, a copy for the library of the Brooklyn Naval Lyceum, and a copy for the library of the Naval Institute at Charlestown, Massachusetts, sixty-five copies; to the Department of the Interior, including those for the use of the surveyors-general and registers and receivers of public land-offices, two hundred and fifty copies; to the Post-Office Department, fifty copies; to the Department of Justice, including those for the use of the chief and associate justices, the judges and the officers of the United States and territorial courts, four hundred and twenty-five copies; to the Department of Agriculture, five copies; to the Smithsonian Institution, two copies; to the Government Printing-Office, one copy; and the Secretary of State, shall supply deficiencies and offices newly created.

SEC. 8. That the said printed copies of the said acts of each session and of the said bound copies of the acts of each Congress shall be legal evidence of the laws and treaties therein contained, in all the courts of the United States and of the several States therein.

SEC. 9. That the said laws of each session of Congress shall also be stereotyped and printed for sale as provided in respect to the said revised statutes. And the copies of the said revised statutes and of the said laws of each session of Congress, as issued from time to time, shall be respectively sold at the cost of the paper, press work and binding, with ten per cent thereof added thereto, to any person applying for the same. And the proceeds of all sales shall be paid into the Treasury.

SEC. 10. That the Secretary of State shall cause all the copies of the Revision of Indian treaties made by Thomas J. Durant, now printed to be bound, and the same shall be

deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, for the use of the Departments and officers of the Government.

APPROVED, June 20, 1874.