

[ No. 56. ]

## AN ACT

To create permanently the office of State Printer.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That in order to secure skill, despatch and responsibility in the execution of the printing of the commonwealth, and to lessen the expenses of printing, there shall hereafter be elected in the manner now provided by law for the election of state treasurer, two state printers, one to do the English, and one to do the German printing of the commonwealth, who previously to entering upon the discharge of the duties of their offices, shall respectively execute to the commonwealth a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, with two or more sufficient sureties to be approved by the governor, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their offices respectively, which bonds shall be deposited in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

Two state  
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**SECTION 2.** The state printers who shall be elected in pursuance of the first section of this act, shall procure good and sufficient type, and all other materials for executing the printing of the laws, journals, reports, bills, resolutions, messages and all other legislative and executive papers and documents, that may be ordered by the legislature, or either branch thereof, or by the executive, or any of the departments of the government, and to keep the same at Harrisburg, and be at all times in readiness to execute the printing, aforesaid, in a neat and workmanlike manner, and with the utmost despatch.

Execution of  
printing

**SECTION 3.** That the said state printers shall have the laws, journals, reports, messages, bills and other documents executed in the following manner, to wit: The laws, journals, reports, messages and documents on super royal paper, in octavo form, on neat long primer type, each page to contain as near as may be, two thousand one hundred ems, except rule and figure work, which shall be in brevier or smaller type, whenever such work shall exceed one page; and in no case hereafter shall any tables, or rule and figure work be printed except in consecutive pages, of octavo form. The bills in folio form, on pica type, each full page to contain not

less than thirty lines of the usual length, with a pica blank between each line, and to contain not less than twelve hundred ems, exclusive of riglet spacing.

SECTION 4. There shall be printed of the bills of each house, one hundred and sixty-five copies, in the English language; of the journals of each house and executive documents, in the English language, five hundred copies; of the journals of each house and executive documents, in the German language, two hundred and fifty copies; of the laws in the English language, five thousand copies; and in the German language, five hundred copies; and they shall cause the same to be delivered over to the secretary of the commonwealth <sup>Bills journals &c.</sup> within forty days after the rising of each legislature, unless <sup>Deliver to sec'y com'th</sup> further time shall be given; and shall cause to be printed and delivered over to the clerks, with as little delay as possible, such number of copies of bills, journals, reports, messages and other papers and documents, as may be directed by the legislature, or either branch thereof.

SECTION 5. That the said state printers shall fold, gather, <sup>Folding</sup> stitch, collate, bind and deliver to the proper departments of <sup>stitching &c.</sup> the government, the laws, journals, reports, messages, bills, and other papers and documents, as shall be required to be folded, gathered, collated, bound and stitched, for which they shall be paid at the following rates, to wit: When a document does not exceed one sheet, fifty cents for one hundred <sup>How paid</sup> copies, and twenty-five cents per hundred copies for every additional sheet. Covering the laws, journals and documents, when required, twenty-five cents per hundred copies. The bills shall be folded, stitched, cut and delivered, at six and one-fourth cents per page. There shall be full bound, in <sup>Full bound</sup> split sheep skin of the best quality, thirty copies in the English language, of all the laws, journals and executive documents, ten copies of which shall be side labelled "Table of Senate House the Senate," fifteen copies shall be side labelled "House of Representatives," and five copies shall be labelled "State <sup>of Representatives and State Lib'y</sup> Library," which shall be paid for at the rate of fifty cents per copy. If any additional copies of the laws or documents shall be ordered to be half bound by either house, the secretary of the commonwealth, or any other department of the government, they shall be bound by the said state printers, and if labelled on the back, and tipped with leather on the corners, they shall be paid for at the rate of thirty-five cents per copy; and if not labelled on the back, nor tipped with leather on the corners, twenty cents per copy: *Provided, Proviso* That no binding shall be executed by the state printers, to be paid for by the state, for any member of either house, or any officer thereof, unless the same shall be ordered by a separate or joint resolution.

Prices of  
composition

SECTION 6. That the said state printers shall be allowed, for the composition of the laws, journals, reports, messages, and all other documents, except the bills, at the rate of forty cents for every thousand ems, with the addition of fifty per centum for rule and figure work; and at the rate of forty cents for each token of press-work of one hundred and twenty-five sheets of sixteen pages each: *And also*, for printing the bills for both houses, one dollar per page; and the auditor general shall draw his warrant in favor of the said state printers, on the state treasurer, for the amount due them respectively for printing, folding, stitching, cutting, binding and delivering their accounts, having first been audited and approved: *Provided* That the auditor general shall be and is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to issue a draft or drafts, in advance, in favor of each of the said state printers, to any amount not exceeding one-half of the estimated cost of one year's printing done by him, and not exceeding in any instance two-thirds of the amount of his official bond: *And provided further*, That any amount of composition, not exceeding four pages, may be charged as four pages, and no more; and if more than four, and not exceeding eight, as eight, and no more; and if more than eight, may be charged as a sheet.

Proviso

Paper

SECTION 7. That the state printers are hereby authorized to purchase all the paper necessary for the execution of the public printing: *Provided*, That the specimens of the said paper be first submitted to the inspection and approbation of the secretary of the commonwealth, and the accounts for such purchases shall be authenticated, under oath or affirmation, and shall be examined and allowed by the auditor general.

Annual re-  
ports

SECTION 8. That the annual reports authorized by law to be made by the canal commissioners, the state treasurer, auditor general, surveyor general, adjutant general, secretary of the land office, and superintendent of common schools, shall, on the first day of December, or as soon thereafter as possible, be made out in fair and legible hand-writing, and in such form that all tabular statements can be printed in consecutive pages, of the size of the journals, prescribed in the third section of this act, and delivered to the governor, who shall cause the same to be delivered to the state printers, to be printed and stitched or bound together in one volume, in the form and manner provided for in the previous sections of this act, and labelled "Executive Documents;" and annually at the opening of the legislature, or as soon after as possible, he shall cause thirty-nine stitched and covered copies, in the English language, to be delivered to the clerk of the senate, one hundred and seven copies, in the English language, to the clerk

of the house of representatives, and the remainder of the five hundred copies, authorized to be printed, shall be deposited with the secretary of the commonwealth, to be distributed with the journals.

SECTION 9. That the secretary of the commonwealth shall cause to be furnished in a fair and legible hand writing, a true and accurate copy of the laws, as they may be demanded by the state printers; and the clerks of the respective houses of the legislature, shall each furnish a copy of the journals, bills, reports, messages, and other papers and documents, without delay. And the state printers shall not be accountable for any delay occasioned by the want of such copy; but in case any delay should at any time be experienced by either branch of the legislature in the delivery of the work required to be done, from negligence of the state printers, the secretary of the commonwealth is hereby authorized to employ another printer to execute any portion of the work of the senate and house of representatives, and to charge the excess in the account of such printer, for executing such work above what is herein allowed to the state printers, guilty of such negligence or delay.

Sec'y of Commonwealth's duties

SECTION 10. That if any error be committed in executing any part of the printing, as aforesaid, by which the sense or meaning may be altered, the state printer who shall commit such error, shall forfeit to the state the amount of the compensation to which he may have been entitled for composition, press-work and paper, if furnished by the state, of the whole sheet of any laws, journal, report, message, or other paper or document in which such error may be found; and shall be accountable, and pay for all paper furnished by the state which may be injured or lost, by reason of such error—and the amount so forfeited shall be charged to the account of such state printers, by the auditor general.

Errors in printing

SECTION 11. The printing of the bills, journals and documents of the senate shall be done under the direction and supervision of the speaker of the senate, the printing of the bills, journals and documents of the house of representatives shall be done under the direction of the speaker of the house of representatives, the printing of the executive documents shall be done under the direction of the governor, and the printing of the laws shall be done under the direction of the secretary of the commonwealth.

Supervision of printing

SECTION 12. All moneys for public printing and binding shall be paid by the state treasurer, on warrants drawn by the auditor general, who is hereby invested with the same control over accounts of the public printing, as he is possessed

Money how paid

**Proviso** of in regard to the accounts of any other officers of the commonwealth: *Provided*, That he may from time to time make an estimate of the amount of work done by each of the state printers, and draw his warrant in advance of settlement upon the state treasurer, for seventy-five per centum on such estimate, in favor of the state printers respectively, after deducting the amount paid in advance, according to a provision in a previous section of this act.

**Election of printers** **SECTION 13.** That the first election of state printer shall take place on the third day after the passage of this act, unless that day be Sunday, in which case it shall take place on the Monday following; and they shall be elected on the first Monday in March, in every third year thereafter, and their term of office shall commence on the first day of July next succeeding their election.

**Term of office** **SECTION 14.** That each and every state printer appointed under the provisions of this act, shall hold his office for and during the term of three years, and until a successor be duly elected and shall have given bond, as aforesaid, unless sooner removed by a resolution of the legislature for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, such misconduct or neglect to be set out in the resolution of removal as fully as practicable; and  
**Bond &c.**  
**Vacancy** in case of death or resignation of any state printer, appointed under the provisions of this act, at any time during the recess of the legislature, the governor shall be and hereby is authorized to fill the vacancy so occasioned, by the appointment of a state printer, to serve until another is elected by the legislature.

**Repeal of former laws** **SECTION 15.** That all laws heretofore passed for the regulation of the public printing, be and the same are hereby repealed.

**HENDRICK B. WRIGHT,**  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

**B. CRISPIN,**  
*Speaker of the Senate.*

**APPROVED**—The twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

**DAVID R. PORTER.**