

(2) Whenever any claim barred by subsection (1) of this section shall be received in the General Accounting Office, it shall be returned to the claimant, with a copy of this section, and such action shall be a complete response without further communication. (Oct. 9, 1940, ch. 788, §§ 1, 2, 54 Stat. 1061.)

CODIFICATION

Section is also set out as section 71a of this title.

Subsecs. (1) and (2) of this section are from sections 1 and 2, respectively, of act Oct. 9, 1940.

TERMINATION OF WAR AND EMERGENCIES

Joint Res. July 25, 1947, ch. 327, § 3, 61 Stat. 451, provided that in the interpretation of subsec. (1) of this section, the date July 25, 1947, shall be deemed to be the date of termination of any state of war theretofore declared by Congress and of the national emergencies proclaimed by the President on Sept. 8, 1939, and May 27, 1941.

CROSS REFERENCES

Checks drawn on Treasurer of United States or designated depositaries, exception from limitations, see section 132 of this title.

§ 237a. Time limitation on claims against Government employees who received dual compensation.

The United States waives all claims against any person arising out of the receipt by such person of compensation from the United States including Government owned or controlled corporations or from the government of the District of Columbia in violation of any provision of law prohibiting or restricting the receipt of dual compensation, which has not been reported to the General Accounting Office for collection within six years from the last date of any period of dual compensation. (Aug. 28, 1954, ch. 1035, 68 Stat. 890.)

DUAL COMPENSATION LAWS

Laws relating to dual compensation, see sections 58, 62, and 69-72 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees, and section 136 of Title 39, The Postal Service.

§ 238. Settlement of damage claims of Federal penal and correctional institutions' employees.

The Attorney General, and such other officer or officers as he may designate for such purpose, are authorized to consider, determine, adjust, and pay claims, not exceeding in any case the sum of \$1,000, of persons employed in Federal penal and correctional institutions for damage to or loss or destruction of personal property occurring incident to such employment. No claim shall be allowed under this section unless (a) the property claimed to be damaged, lost, or destroyed is determined to be reasonable, useful, necessary, or proper under the attendant circumstances; (b) such damage, loss, or destruction shall not have been caused in whole or in part by any negligence or wrongful act on the part of the claimant, his agent, or employee, and shall not have occurred at quarters occupied by the claimant which are not assigned to him or otherwise provided in kind by the Government; and (c) such claim shall have been presented in writing within one year after the occurrence of the accident or incident out of which such claim arises. Acceptance by any claimant of an award hereunder shall release the United States, its agents or employees, from any further claim by such claimant arising out of the same incident. (June 10, 1949, ch. 187, § 1, 63 Stat. 167.)

APPROPRIATIONS

Section 2 of act June 10, 1949, provided that: "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act [this section]."

§ 239. Collection or reclamation of moneys paid to assignees, transferees, or allottees.

No collection or reclamation shall be made by the United States on account of any money paid to assignees, transferees, or allottees, or to others for them, under assignments, transfers, or allotments of pay and allowances made under authority of law where liability might exist with respect to such assignments, transfers, or allotments or the use of such moneys, because of the death of assignors, transferors, or allottees. (Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 45, 70A Stat. 638.)

Chapter 7.—BUREAU OF THE MINT, MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES

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THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

§ 251. Bureau established; director.

There shall be established in the Treasury Department a Bureau of the Mint, embracing in its organization and under its control all mints for the manufacture of coin, and all assay offices for the stamping of bars, which have been, or which may be, authorized by law. The chief officer of the said bureau shall be denominated the Director of the Mint, and shall be under the general direction of the Secretary of the Treasury. He shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold his office for the term of five years, unless sooner removed by the President, upon reasons to be communicated by him to the Senate. (R. S. § 343.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 1, 17 Stat. 424.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 252. Director; salary and expenses.

There shall be allowed to the Director of the Mint an annual salary payable monthly, and actual necessary traveling expenses in visiting the different mints and assay offices, for which vouchers shall be rendered. (R. S. § 344.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 12, 17 Stat. 426.

CODIFICATION

A provision of the original text fixed the salary of the Director at \$4,500. It was practically superseded by later appropriation acts, and was omitted as wholly superseded by the Classification Act of 1923, chapter 18 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees which was superseded by the Classification Act of 1949, chapter 21 of Title 5.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCES

Compensation schedules, see sections 1111—1114 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

Per diem to civilian officers and employees of United States in lieu of actual expenses for subsistence, see section 836 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 253. Same; powers; reports.

The Director of the Mint shall have the general supervision of all mints and assay offices, and shall make an annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury of their operations, at the close of each fiscal year, and from time to time such additional reports, setting forth the operations and condition of such institutions, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall require, and shall lay before him the annual estimates for their support. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall appoint the number of clerks, classified according to law, necessary to discharge the duties of said bureau. (R. S. § 345.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 2, 17 Stat. 424.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26,

§§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 254. Acting in absence of director.

In case of the temporary absence of the Director of the Mint, the Secretary of the Treasury may designate some one to act in his place. (R. S. § 3502.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 9, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

Part of this section is set out in section 271 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES

§ 261. Mints and assay offices enumerated.

The different mints and assay offices shall be known as—

First. The mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Second. The mint of the United States at San Francisco.

Third. The mint of the United States at New Orleans.

Fourth. The mint of the United States at Carson.¹

Fifth. The mint of the United States at Denver.

Sixth. The United States assay office at New York.

Seventh. The United States assay office at Boise City, Idaho.

Eighth. The United States assay office at Helena, Montana.

Ninth. The United States assay office at Deadwood, South Dakota.

Tenth. The United States assay office at Seattle, Washington.

Eleventh. The United States assay office at Salt Lake City, Utah. (R. S. § 3495; May 12, 1874, ch. 168, § 1, 18 Stat. 45; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, § 1, 18 Stat. 97; Feb. 1, 1881, ch. 33, § 1, 21 Stat. 322; June 11, 1896, ch. 420, § 1, 29 Stat. 414; May 21, 1898, ch. 348, 30 Stat. 420; May 30, 1908, ch. 223, 35 Stat. 474.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 66, 17 Stat. 435.

CODIFICATION

Section, with the exception of the eighth to eleventh subdivisions, inclusive, is from R. S. § 3495. The eighth subdivision of that section read: "The United States assay-office at Charlotte, N. C." That subdivision, and act Feb. 1, 1881, ch. 33, § 1, 21 Stat. 322, providing for an assay office at St. Louis, Mo., were omitted from the Code as superseded by later appropriation acts making no provision for assay offices at Charlotte or St. Louis. See act Mar. 2, 1926, ch. 43, 44 Stat. 149, 150.

The eighth, tenth, and eleventh subdivisions are based, respectively, on act May 12, 1874, ch. 168, § 1, 18 Stat. 45, act May 21, 1898, ch. 348, 30 Stat. 420, and act May 30, 1908, ch. 223, 35 Stat. 474, providing for the establishment of assay offices at the places mentioned in those

¹ So in original.

subdivisions. Further provisions of those acts, relating to the construction or rent of buildings, and the officers of the assay offices thereby established, and their salaries, were omitted as temporary or superseded by later appropriation acts.

The ninth subdivision is based on a provision of act June 11, 1896, ch. 420, § 1, 29 Stat. 414, making an appropriation for the establishment of an assay office at Deadwood, S. D. Act Feb. 19, 1897, ch. 265, § 1, 29 Stat. 559, provided that such office should be conducted under the provisions of act Feb. 12, 1873 (incorporated in this chapter and chapter 3 of this title).

The mint at New Orleans having been closed during the Civil War, its reopening was provided for by act June 20, 1874, ch. 328, § 1, 18 Stat. 97, the assaying and stamping of bullion thereat was authorized by act Mar. 3, 1877, ch. 102, § 1, 19 Stat. 307, and the supplying of said mint with silver bullion for coinage into standard silver dollars and all smaller denominations of silver was authorized by act Mar. 15, 1898, ch. 68, § 1, 30 Stat. 296.

All laws and parts of laws in force in relation to the mints of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, were applicable to the mint at Denver by act Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 3, 28 Stat. 673.

Act Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, § 1, 28 Stat. 784, 786, directed the establishment of a refinery at the assay office at Helena, Mont., and provided that the charges for refining, etc., should be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to equal but not exceed the expenses thereof, and that all provisions relating to refineries should apply to the parting and refining of bullion at the assay office at Helena.

The foregoing provisions were omitted as executed, unnecessary, or obsolete.

CROSS REFERENCES

Refining and parting bullion at mints of the United States and assay office at New York, see section 361 of this title.

§ 262. Denver mint; coinage of silver.

The coinage of silver and minor coins shall be carried on at the mint of the United States at Denver, in the State of Colorado. (Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, §§ 1, 3, 28 Stat. 673.)

CODIFICATION

Until the mint and assay office at Denver should become a coinage mint, in accordance with law, it was provided that the mint should be continued as an assay-office, that the business transacted at that mint should be continued therein, and that the appropriations already made should be applicable to that mint, by a provision in the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1896, act Mar. 2, 1895, ch. 177, § 1, 28 Stat. 784, 786, which was omitted as temporary and as superseded by the operation of the mint as a coinage mint under the provisions of this Act.

The provision for continuing the mint as an assay-office was continued in successive appropriation acts for subsequent years down to 1904, but was not repeated thereafter. Appropriations for new machinery, etc., for its equipment for coinage operations were made by act March 3, 1903, ch. 1007, § 1, 32 Stat. 1109, and act Apr. 28, 1904, ch. 1762, 33 Stat. 463, and provisions for the force necessary for the proper operation of the mint were made by act Mar. 18, 1904, ch. 716, § 1, 33 Stat. 109.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

COINAGE OF GOLD DISCONTINUED

Coinage of gold coins was discontinued and existing gold coins were withdrawn from circulation by section 3156 of this title.

§ 263. Officers of mints.

The officers of each coinage mint shall be a superintendent and an assayer; and, for the mint at Philadelphia, an engraver; all to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. (R. S. § 3496; Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 2, 28 Stat. 673; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384; Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 3, 17 Stat. 424.

CODIFICATION

R. S. § 3496 referred to "each mint" instead of "each coinage mint," and provided for a melter and refiner and a colner, as well as a superintendent and assayer. The word "coinage" was inserted because recent appropriation acts do not provide for a superintendent except at coinage mints. The positions of colner and melter and refiner were abolished by act Aug. 23, 1912.

The provisions of R. S. § 3496 were made applicable to the mint of Denver by act Feb. 20, 1895, which also provided that the compensation of the officers of the mint should be the same as those of the mint at Carson City, Nev. This last mentioned provision was superseded by later appropriation acts specifying salaries of officers at the various mints. See act Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.

Act Mar. 13, 1904, ch. 716, § 1, 33 Stat. 109, in making an appropriation for the Denver mint, provided for the appointment, when the Secretary of the Treasury should determine that it was necessary, of a superintendent, assayer, melter and refiner, and colner, chief clerk, etc., at salaries therein specified. It was omitted as superseded by later appropriation acts, if not temporary and executed.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCES

Superintendents and assayers to receive deposits of gold coin and bullion, see section 430 of this title.

§ 264. Superintendents of certain mints to perform duties of treasurer.

The superintendents of the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver shall be, and perform the duties of, treasurers of said mints respectively. (R. S. § 3497; Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 2, 28 Stat. 673; Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 65, 17 Stat. 435.

CODIFICATION

R. S. § 3497, referred to the mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco, and New Orleans. Its provisions were made applicable to the mint at Denver, by act Feb. 20, 1895.

The reference to the New Orleans mint was omitted as superseded by later appropriation acts making no provision for a superintendent at the New Orleans mint. See act Jan. 8, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees

of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 265. Salaries of officers of coinage mints.

The officers of the several coinage mints shall be entitled to salaries, to be paid monthly, in accordance with the provisions of section 677 of Title 5. (R. S. § 3498; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, § 1, 18 Stat. 96; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384; Apr. 4, 1924, ch. 84, 43 Stat. 78; Jan. 22, 1925, ch. 87, 43 Stat. 764; Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 12, 17 Stat. 426

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 677 of Title 5, referred to in the text, has been omitted from the Code as superseded by chapter 21 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 266. Appointment of assistants and employees.

All assistants and employees of the mints and assay offices of the United States shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. One of the clerks at each mint shall be designated "chief clerk." (R. S. § 3504; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 4, 17 Stat. 424.

CODIFICATION

The first sentence of this section is from act Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1 which superseded provisions of R. S. § 3504, for appointments by the superintendent of each mint. The second sentence is a further provision of R. S. § 3504.

Part of R. S. § 3504 is set out in section 272 of this title; and further provisions of act Aug. 23, 1912, in section 267 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 267. Duties of coiner and melter and refiner performed by superintendent.

The duties and responsibilities formerly imposed by law on the coiner and the melter and refiner in each of the coinage mints and the assay office at New York shall devolve upon the superintendents of said institutions. (Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

CODIFICATION

This was a provision of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1912.

It was preceded in that Act by a provision abolishing the position of coiner in each of the coinage mints, and the position of melter and refiner in the coinage mints and the assay office at New York.

A further provision of that section concerning the appointment of assistants and employees is set out in section 266 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 268. Salaries of assistants, clerks, and laborers employed in the mints.

There shall be allowed to the assistants and clerks of the several mints annual salaries in accordance with section 677 of Title 5, and the workmen employed therein shall be allowed such wages as may be customary and reasonable according to their respective stations and occupations, to be determined by the superintendent, and approved by the Director of the Mint. The salaries provided for in this section and section 265 of this title, and the wages of workmen permanently engaged, shall be payable in monthly installments. (R. S. § 3499; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, § 1, 18 Stat. 96; Mar. 4, 1915, ch. 141, § 6, 38 Stat. 1049; Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 12, 17 Stat. 426.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 677 of Title 5, referred to in the text, has been omitted from the Code as superseded by chapter 21 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Section, R. S. § 3499, changed to conform to act Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193, which was formerly set out as section 677 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees. See References in Text note above.

Act Mar. 4, 1915, provided that the officers and employees whose salaries were therein appropriated for were established and should continue from year to year to the extent they should be appropriated for by Congress. It was regarded as superseded by section 677 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 269. Oath of office of officers, assistants, and clerks.

Every officer, assistant, and clerk appointed for any mint shall, before he enters upon the execution of his office, take an oath before some judge of the United States, or judge of some court of record of the State in which such mint is located, faithfully and diligently to perform the duties thereof; in addition to other official oaths prescribed by law, such oath, duly certified, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. The superintendent of each mint may require such oath from any of the employees of the mint. (R. S. § 3500.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 10, 17 Stat. 425.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCE

Oath of office, see section 16 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 270. Bonds of officers, assistants, and clerks.

The superintendent and the assayer, before entering upon the execution of their respective offices, shall become bound to the United States, with one or more sureties, approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in the sum of not less than \$10,000 nor more than \$50,000, with condition for the faithful and diligent performance of the duties of his office. Similar bonds may be required of the assistants and clerks, in such sums as the superintendent shall determine, with the approbation of the Director of the Mint; but the same shall not be construed to relieve the superintendent or other officers from liability to the United States for acts, omissions, or negligence of their subordinates or employees; and the Secretary of the Treasury may, at his discretion, increase the bonds of the superintendents. (R. S. § 3501; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 11, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

R. S. § 3501, referred to the melter and refiner and the coiner of each mint, as well as the superintendent and assayer, but those positions were abolished by act Aug. 23, 1912.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 271. Acting in absence of superintendent or other officer.

Whenever any officer of a mint or assay office shall be temporarily absent, on account of sickness or any other cause, it shall be lawful for the superintendent, with the consent of such officer, to appoint some person attached to the mint to act in the place of such officer during his absence; but all such appointments shall be forthwith reported to the Director of the Mint for his approval; and in all cases whatsoever the principal shall be responsible for the acts of his representative. In case of the temporary absence of the superintendent, the chief clerk shall act in his place. (R. S. § 3502.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 9, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

Part of this section is set out in section 254 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 272. General duties of superintendents of mints.

The superintendent of each mint shall have the control thereof, the superintendence of the officers and persons employed therein, and the supervision of the business thereof, subject to the approval of the Director of the Mint. He shall make reports to the Director of the Mint at such times and according to such forms as the director may prescribe; which shall exhibit in detail, and under appropriate heads, the deposits of bullion, the amount of gold, silver, and minor coinage, and the amount of unparted, standard, and refined bars issued, and such other statistics and information as may be required. He shall keep and render, quarter yearly, to the Director of the Mint, for the purpose of adjustment according to such forms as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, regular and faithful accounts of his transactions with the other officers of the mint and the depositors; and shall also render to him a monthly statement of the ordinary expenses of the mint or assay office under his charge. (R. S. §§ 3503, 3504.)

DERIVATION

R. S. §§ 3503, 3504 were from act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 4, 17 Stat. 424.

CODIFICATION

The first two sentences of this section are from R. S. § 3503, and the last sentence from R. S. § 3504.

See note to section 266 of this title with respect to other provisions of R. S. § 3504.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 273. Duties of superintendents as to coin and bullion.

The superintendent of each mint shall receive and safely keep, until legally withdrawn, all moneys or bullion which shall be for the use or the expenses of the mint. He shall receive all bullion brought to the mint for assay or coinage; shall be the keeper of all bullion or coin in the mint, except while the same is legally in the hands of other officers; and shall deliver all coins struck at the mint to the persons to whom they shall be legally payable. From the report of the assayer and the weight of the bullion, he shall compute the value of each deposit, and also the amount of the charges or deductions, if any, of all which he shall give a detailed memorandum to the depositor; and he shall also give at the same time, under his hand, a certificate of the net amount of the deposit, to be paid in coins or bars of the same species of bullion as that deposited, the correctness of which

certificate shall be verified by the assayer, who shall countersign the same, and in all cases of transfer of coin or bullion, shall give and receive vouchers, stating the amount and character of such coin or bullion. (R. S. § 3506.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 4, 17 Stat. 424.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

Ex. Ord. No. 6558. RECEIPT OF GOLD ON CONSIGNMENT BY THE MINTS AND ASSAY OFFICES

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section 5 (b) of the act of October 8, 1917, as amended by section 2 of the act of March 9, 1933, entitled "An Act to Provide Relief in the Existing National Emergency in Banking and for other Purposes," I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, do declare that a period of national emergency exists, and by virtue of said authority and of all other authority vested in me, do hereby prescribe the following regulations for receiving gold on consignment for sale:

SECTION 1. The United States mints and assay offices are hereby authorized, subject to such regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to receive on consignment gold which the mint or assay office concerned is satisfied has not been held in noncompliance with the Executive orders, or the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury, issued under sections 2 and 8 of the act of March 9, 1933, or in noncompliance with any regulations or rulings made thereunder or licenses issued pursuant thereto.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered to issue such regulations as he may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Executive order.

Sec. 3. This Executive order and any regulations issued hereunder may be modified or revoked at any time. Proulgated January 15, 1934.

§ 274. Duties as to melting and refining.

The superintendent of melting and refining department shall execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form ingots of standard silver or gold, and alloys for minor coinage, suitable for the superintendent of coining department, from the metals legally delivered to him for that purpose; and shall also execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form bars conformable in all respects to the law, from the gold and silver bullion delivered to him for that purpose. He shall keep a careful record of all transactions with the superintendent, noting the weight and character of the bullion, and shall be responsible for all bullion delivered to him until the same is returned to the superintendent and the proper vouchers obtained. (R. S. § 3508; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384; Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 6, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

R. S. § 3508, referred to the melter and refiner, and the colner, instead of the superintendents of the melting and refining, and the coining departments. The positions of melter and refiner and colner were abolished by act Aug. 23, 1912 and their duties and responsibilities transferred to the superintendent of the mint or assay office.

The same section provided for the appointment of assistants and employees of the mints and assay offices by the Secretary of the Treasury. Pursuant to that authority, superintendents of the melting and refining and coining departments were appointed who are said to perform the duties of the former melter and refiner and colner. See act Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103, making appropriations for the superintendents of such departments.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

COINAGE OF GOLD DISCONTINUED

The coinage of gold was discontinued and existing gold coins were withdrawn from circulation by section 315b of this title and all laws inconsistent therewith were repealed by section 446 of this title.

POSSESSION OF GOLD COINS AND BULLION

The possession of gold coins and bullion was prohibited except under Government license by Ex. Ord. No. 6260, Aug. 28, 1933, set out in note under section 95a of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

§ 275. Duties as to coining.

The superintendent of coining department shall execute all the operations which are necessary in order to form coins, conformable in all respects to the law, from the standard gold and silver ingots, and alloys for minor coinage, legally delivered to him for that purpose; and shall be responsible for all bullion delivered to him, until the same is returned to the superintendent and the proper vouchers obtained. (R. S. § 3509; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384; Jan. 3, 1923, ch. 22, 42 Stat. 1103.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 7, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

Upon incorporation into the Code, the word "colner," which appeared in the original text, was changed to "superintendent of coining department." See codification note to section 274 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

COINAGE OF GOLD DISCONTINUED

The coinage of gold was discontinued and existing gold coins were withdrawn from circulation by section 315b of this title and all laws inconsistent therewith were repealed by section 446 of this title.

POSSESSION OF GOLD COINS AND BULLION

The possession of gold coins and bullion was prohibited except under Government license by Ex. Ord. No. 6260, Aug. 28, 1933, set out in note under section 95a of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

§ 276. Duties of engravers; dies for coins; new designs.

The engraver shall prepare from the original dies already authorized all the working dies required for

use in the coinage of the several mints, and, when new coins, emblems, devices, legends, or designs are authorized, shall, if required by the Director of the Mint, prepare the devices, models, hubs, or original dies for the same. The Director of the Mint shall have power, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to cause new designs or models of authorized emblems or devices to be prepared and adopted in the same manner as when new coins or devices are authorized. But no change in the design or die of any coin shall be made oftener than once in twenty-five years from and including the year of the first adoption of the design, model, die, or hub for the same coin: *Provided*, That no change be made in the diameter of any coin. But the Director of the Mint may nevertheless, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, engage temporarily for this purpose the services of one or more artists, distinguished in their respective departments of art, who shall be paid for such service from the contingent appropriation for the mint at Philadelphia. (R. S. § 3510; Sept. 26, 1890, ch. 944, 26 Stat. 484.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 8, 17 Stat. 425.

CODIFICATION

Act July 9, 1917, ch. 36, 40 Stat. 242, authorizing certain slight modifications in the details of the designs of the current quarter dollar, was omitted from the Code as temporary and executed.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 277. Duties of assayers.

The assayer shall assay all metals and bullion, whenever such assays are required in the operations of the mint; and shall make assays of coin or samples of bullion whenever required by the superintendent. (R. S. § 3507.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 5, 17 Stat. 425.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 278. Business of assay office at New York.

The business of the United States assay office at New York shall be in all respects similar to that of the mints, except that bars only and not coin, shall be manufactured therein; and no metals shall be purchased for minor coinage. All bullion intended by the depositor to be converted into coins, of the United States, and silver bullion purchased for coinage, when assayed, parted, and refined, and its net

value certified, shall be transferred to the mint at Philadelphia, under such directions as shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, at the expense of the contingent fund of the mint, and shall be there coined, and the proceeds returned to the assay office. And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to make the necessary arrangements for the adjustment of the accounts upon such transfers between the respective offices. (R. S. § 3553.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 54, 17 Stat. 433.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 279. Officers at New York assay office; appointment.

The officers of the assay office at New York shall be a superintendent and an assayer; each of whom shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. (R. S. § 3554; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 54, 17 Stat. 433.

CODIFICATION

Prior to its incorporation into the Code, it mentioned a melter and refiner as well as a superintendent and an assayer. The position of melter and refiner was abolished by act Aug. 23, 1912.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 280. Same; salaries.

The officers of the assay office at New York shall be entitled to salaries in accordance with the provisions of section 677 of Title 5. (R. S. § 3556; Apr. 4, 1924, ch. 84, 43 Stat. 78; Jan. 22, 1925, ch. 87, 43 Stat. 764; Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 56, 17 Stat. 433.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 677 of Title 5, referred to in the text, was omitted from the Code as superseded by chapter 21 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Section is from R. S. § 3556 changed to conform to act Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193, which was formerly set out as section 677 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees. See References in Text note above.

Act Apr. 4, 1924, ch. 84, 43 Stat. 78, cited to the text, appropriated \$5,000 for the salary of the superintendent, and \$3,000 for the salary of the assayer, partly superseding R. S. § 3556.

§ 281. Same; duties.

The duties of the superintendent and the assayer of the assay office at New York shall correspond to those of superintendents and assayers of mints; and all the provisions of this title relating to mints and their officers, the duties and responsibilities of such officers, and others employed therein, the oaths to be taken, and the bonds and sureties to be given by them, shall extend, as far as the same may be applicable, to the assay office at New York, and to its officers, clerks, and employees. (R. S. § 3555; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 55, 17 Stat. 483.

CODIFICATION

Upon its incorporation into the Code, a reference to the melter and refiner was omitted in view of act Aug. 23, 1912, abolishing that position.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 282. Salaries of assistants and employees.

The compensation of assistants, clerks, and workmen in the assay office at New York shall be regulated in the same manner as is prescribed in regard to mints. (R. S. § 3557; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 56, 17 Stat. 433.

CODIFICATION

Section is from R. S. § 3557, which referred to the "appointment and compensation of assistants," etc. That section was superseded, so far as it related to appointments, by act Aug. 23, 1912, section 266 of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Compensation schedules, see sections 1111—1114 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

Salaries of assistants, clerks, etc., see section 268 of this title.

§ 283. Business of assay offices.

The business of the United States assay offices enumerated in section 261 of this title other than the assay office at New York, and that of any other assay offices which may be established, shall be confined to the receipt of gold and silver bullion, for melting and assaying. (R. S. § 3558; June 8, 1878, ch. 170, 20 Stat. 102; Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, §§ 1, 2, 28 Stat. 673.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 57, 17 Stat. 433.

CODIFICATION

Section is from R. S. § 3558 which, prior to its incorporation into the Code, read as follows: "The business of the mint of the United States at Denver, while conducted as an assay-office, that of the United States assay-office at Boise City, and that of any other assay-offices hereafter established, shall be confined to the receipt of gold and silver bullion, for melting and assaying, to be returned to depositors of the same, in bars, with the weight and fineness stamped thereon."

By act Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 1, provision for the coinage of gold and silver at the Denver mint was made, and by section 2, R. S. §§ 3558—3561 were repealed so far as they related to that mint.

Act June 8, 1878, ch. 170, 20 Stat. 102, incorporated in section 430 of this title, authorized assayers of assay-offices to be constituted assistant treasurers to receive gold coin and bullion on deposit for the purposes provided for in R. S. § 254, section 429 of this title, and may be regarded as constituting an exception to the application of this section.

Words "to be returned to depositors of the same, in bars, with the weight and fineness stamped thereon," at the end of R. S. § 3558, were omitted as not in harmony with the present practice, and, in a sense, obsolete.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCES

Receipt of deposits of gold bullion by assay offices, see section 430 of this title.

§ 284. Appointment of officers at assay offices.

The officer of the assay offices embraced by section 283 of this title shall be an assayer in charge, who shall also perform the duties of melter, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and who shall receive a salary in accordance with section 677 of Title 5. (R. S. § 3559; Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 2, 28 Stat. 673; Jan. 22, 1925, ch. 87, 43 Stat. 764; Mar. 5, 1928, ch. 126, § 2, 45 Stat. 193.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 57, 17 Stat. 433.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 677 of Title 5, referred to in the text, has been omitted from the Code as superseded by chapter 21 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CODIFICATION

Section is from R. S. § 3559 and, upon its incorporation into the Code, was changed to conform to (then) current appropriation acts (see act Apr. 4, 1924, ch. 84, 43 Stat. 78) and act Mar. 5, 1928, which was formerly set out as section 677 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees (see References in Text note above). Prior to its incorporation into the Code, section 3559 read as follows: "The officers of the assay-offices embraced by the preceding section shall be, when their respective services are required, an assayer and a melter; each of whom shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Their salaries shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars a year each."

Section was repealed, so far as it related to the Denver mint, by act Feb. 20, 1895, ch. 105, § 2.

Act Aug. 23, 1912, abolished certain offices at the mints and the New York assay office, but does not seem to have affected this section, which relates to other assay offices.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out

in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

CROSS REFERENCES

Duties of superintendent of melting and refining department of mint, see section 274 of this title.

§ 285. Powers and duties of assayers at assay offices.

The assayer at each of the assay offices embraced by section 283 of this title shall have general charge of the office; and shall discharge the duties of disbursing agent for the expenses of the office under his charge. (R. S. § 3560; Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, § 1, 37 Stat. 384.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, §§ 57, 58, 17 Stat. 433.

CODIFICATION

A provision of R. S. § 3560, for the employment of clerks, workmen, etc., by the assayer, under the direction of the Director of the Mint, was superseded by act Aug. 23, 1912, section 266 of this title.

Provisions concerning the salaries of clerks and wages of workmen and laborers were omitted as obsolete.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 286. Bond and oath of officers and clerks.

Each officer and clerk appointed at either of the assay offices embraced by section 283 of this title shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, take an oath pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of Title 5, and shall give a bond to the United States, with one or more sureties, satisfactory to the Director of the Mint or to one of the judges of the supreme court of the State or Territory in which the office to which he is appointed is located, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. (R. S. § 3561; Feb. 18, 1875, ch. 80, § 1, 18 Stat. 319; Feb. 27, 1877, ch. 69, § 1, 19 Stat. 249.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 58, 17 Stat. 433.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of that Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of those officers, agencies, and employees, by 1950 Reorg. Plan No. 26, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F. R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in note under section 241 of Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees.

§ 287. Laws relating to mints extended to assay offices.

All provisions of law for the regulation of mints, the government of officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offenses connected with mints or coinage, shall extend to all assay offices, as far as applicable. (R. S. § 3562.)

DERIVATION

Act Feb. 12, 1873, ch. 131, § 60, 17 Stat. 434.

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COINS AND COINAGE

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