

Census Office, Department of the Interior,

WASHINGTON, *August 20th*, 1850.

To the U. S. Marshals and Assistants—

Information has been received at this office that in some cases unnecessary exposure has been made by the Assistant Marshals with reference to the business and pursuits, and other facts relating to individuals, merely to gratify curiosity, or the facts applied to the private use or pecuniary advantage of the Assistant, to the injury of others. Such an use of the returns was neither contemplated by the act itself, nor justified by the intentions and designs of those who enacted the law. No individual employed under sanction of the Government to obtain these facts, has a right to promulgate or expose them, without authority.

Although designed ultimately for the use of the people at large, the Department reserves to itself the privilege of examining into the correctness of the returns, and arranging them into proper form for publication by Congress before any other use shall be made thereof; and all Marshals and Assistants are expected to consider the facts entrusted to them, as if obtained exclusively for the use of the Government, and not to be used in any way to the gratification of curiosity, the exposure of any man's business or pursuits, or for the private emolument of the Marshal or Assistants, who, while employed in this service, act as the agents of the Government in the most confidential capacity. When your original copies are filed with the clerks of the courts and Secretary of your State, they will be under the control of those officers and subject to the usual regulations of the respective offices, and you can enjoy the same access to them which can be had by every citizen. To the publication of the mere aggregate number of persons in your district there can be no objection.

By order of the Secretary of the Interior.

JOS. C. G. KENNEDY,
Superintendent Seventh Census.

AN ACT

Supplementary to the act entitled "An act providing for the taking of the seventh and subsequent censuses of the United States, and to fix the number of the members of the House of Representatives, and provide for their future apportionment among the several States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized to increase the compensation allowed to marshals or agents, and their assistants, for taking the seventh census in California, Oregon, Utah, and New Mexico, so as to secure the prompt and faithful execution of the work.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in enumerating persons residing in California, Oregon, Utah, and New Mexico, the several assistant marshals or agents shall include those who may have removed from their residence in any State or Territory of the United States prior to the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and settled subsequent to that date in either of the said countries.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That each assistant marshal or agent shall be paid for making out and returning complete copies of the original census returns, as required in the eleventh section of the act

to which this is a supplement, eight cents for each page of the two copies of the original census returns, required to be furnished by the eleventh section of the act to which this is a supplement.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in any of the districts of the United States where causes beyond the control of the marshal shall have tended to delay the taking of the census so that the same could not be taken and return thereof made within the time prescribed by the act of twenty-third May, the Secretary of the Interior may, if he sees proper, extend the time to any day not later than the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-one: *Provided*, That the said Secretary may extend the time for completing the census in California, Oregon, Utah, and New Mexico, to such time as in his discretion may be deemed advisable.

Approved August 30, 1850.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, *Washington, August 31, 1850.*

A true copy carefully collated with the original on file in this Department.

W. HUNTER,
Acting Chief Clerk.

NOTE.—It is hoped that the Marshals and Assistant will be *very particular* as to the manner of putting up their schedules for transmission through the mails, that they may reach this office uninjured. It is suggested to the Assistants that they cut in two parts their portfolios, which may be used to protect the blanks, surrounding the whole with strong wrapping paper and twine or tape. And the Marshals should put *two wrappers* with *two directions* (one an inner one) plainly written. Where a Marshal or an Assistant shall be so located as to make it inconvenient for him to procure proper wrapping paper and tape, the same will be furnished from this office on application. Where the schedules are not protected by the portfolios, they should be firmly rolled and secured with tape or twine.

[1850-08-20 Census; printed 2-page document, re-iterating the Act for the taking of the census, and pointing out that the marshals are not to collect information that deviates from the act.]



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