Chapter 1.

AN ACT concerning the Public Archives.

Passed January 5, 1850.

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

§ 1. That the Secretary of State be and is hereby instructed to call upon, ask, and receive of the late Secretary of the State of California, all public records, registers, maps, books, papers, rolls, documents, and other writings, which he may have in his possession, which appertain to, or are in any wise connected with the political, civil, and military history, and past administration of the Government in California; the titles to bonds within the territory, or to any other subject which may be interesting, or valuable as references or authorities to the Government, or people of the State. And that the Secretary of State be directed to classify, and safely keep, and preserve the same, in his office.

§ 2. This Act shall be in force from and after its passage, and a certified copy thereof shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State.