

Jan. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 11.—An act providing for the erection of a public building at Springfield, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the United States post-office, internal-revenue office, and other Government offices, at the city of Springfield, Massachusetts. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building, which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and no purchase of site nor plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for site and building: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Massachusetts shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

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CHAP. 12.—An act to amend section four thousand four hundred and fourteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to inspectors of hulls and boilers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-four hundred and fourteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting, after the word "Savannah", in the second line of the sixth paragraph of said section, the words "Duluth, Minnesota".

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CHAP. 13.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to modify the postal money-order system, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the act entitled "An act to modify the postal money-order system, and for other purposes," be amended so as to read as follows:

"That for the transmission of small sums under five dollars through the mails the Postmaster-General may authorize postmasters at money-order offices, or at such other offices as he may designate, to issue money-orders, without corresponding advices, on an engraved form to be prescribed and furnished by him; and a money-order issued on such new form shall be designated and known as a "postal note," and a fee of three cents shall be charged for the issue thereof. Every postmaster who shall issue a postal note under the authority of the Postmaster-General shall make the same payable to bearer, when duly received, at

Postmaster-General may designate other than money-order offices to issue postal notes.

Notes payable at any money-order office.

Duluth, Minn.
Inspectors of hulls and boilers to be appointed at.
R. S., sec. 4414, p. 855, amended.

Postal notes.
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any money-order office; and after a postal note has once been paid, to whomsoever it has been paid, the United States shall not be liable for any further claim for the amount thereof; but a postal note shall become invalid and not payable upon the expiration of three calendar months from the last day of the month during which the same was issued; and the holder, to obtain the amount of an invalid postal-note must forward it to the Superintendent of the Money-Order System, at Washington, District of Columbia, together with an application, in such manner and form as the Postmaster-General may prescribe, for a duplicate thereof, payable to such holder; and an additional fee of three cents shall be charged and exacted for the issue of the duplicate: *Provided*, That all provisions of law applicable to the issue of postal notes at money-order offices, and to postmasters, clerks and other employees therein, shall be equally applicable to offices authorized to issue postal notes under this act."

Proviso.
Provisions of law relative to postal notes extended to all offices of issue.

SEC. 2. That section fifty-four hundred and sixty-three of the Revised Statutes be amended so as to read as follows, to wit:

R. S., sec. 5463, p. 1059, amended.

"SEC. 5463. Any person who shall, with intent to defraud, falsely make, forge, counterfeit, engrave, or print, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged, counterfeited, engraved, or printed, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, counterfeiting, engraving, or printing, any order in imitation of, or purporting to be, a money-order or postal-note issued by or under the direction of the Post-Office Department of the United States, or of any foreign country, and payable in the United States, or any material signature or indorsement thereon; or any material signature upon any receipt or certificate of identification thereon; any person who shall falsely alter, or cause or procure to be falsely altered, or willingly aid or assist in falsely altering any such money-order or postal-note; any person who shall, with intent to defraud, pass, utter, or publish, or attempt to pass, utter, or publish, as true, any such false, forged, counterfeited, or altered money-order or postal note, knowing the same, or any signature or indorsement thereon, to be false, forged, counterfeited or altered, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not less than two years and not more than five years."

Penalty for forging, etc., postal money-orders, extended to postal notes and to money-orders, etc., of foreign countries.

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* CHAP. 14.—An act to extend the free-delivery system of the Post-Office Department, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That letter-carriers shall be employed for the free delivery of mail-matter, as frequently as the public business may require, at every incorporated city, village, or borough containing a population of fifty thousand within its corporate limits, and may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than ten thousand, within its corporate limits, according to the last general census, taken by authority of State or United States law, or at any post-office which produced a gross revenue, for the preceding fiscal year, of not less than ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, This act shall not affect the existence of the free delivery in places where it is now established: *And provided further*, That in offices where the free delivery shall be established under the provisions of this act, such free delivery shall not be abolished by reason of decrease below ten thousand in population or ten thousand dollars in gross postal revenue, except in the discretion of the Postmaster-General.

Free delivery, postal service.

Extended to cities, etc., of 10,000 inhabitants, and offices receiving \$10,000.

Provisos.
Not to affect present service.

Service not to be abolished except in discretion of Postmaster-General.

SEC. 2. That there may be in all cities which contain a population of seventy-five thousand or more three classes of letter-carriers, as follows: Carriers of the first class, whose salaries shall be one thousand dollars per annum; of the second class, whose salaries shall be eight hundred

Carriers.
Classification of, in cities of 75,000 population.