

—contingent expenses, etc.	For contingent expenses, foreign missions, eight dollars. For salaries, consular service, twenty-three cents.
—services to vessels.	For pay of consular officers for services to American vessels and seamen, four dollars and ninety-six cents.
—loss by exchange.	For loss by exchange, diplomatic service, eight dollars and thirty-one cents. For loss by exchange, consular service, forty-two dollars and eighty-six cents.
Contingent expenses.	For contingent expenses, United States consulates, twenty-nine dollars and forty-five cents.
Fish Commission.	For propagation of food fishes, sixty-eight cents.
Interstate Commerce Commission.	For Interstate Commerce Commission, ninety-one cents.
Agricultural Department.	For vegetable pathological investigations and experiments, three dollars and thirty-nine cents. For investigating the history and habits of insects, five dollars. For irrigation investigations, four dollars and seventy-four cents.
Weather Bureau.	For general expenses, Weather Bureau, two hundred and seventy-three dollars and thirty-seven cents.
United States courts.—marshals.	For fees and expenses of marshals, United States courts, one hundred and ninety-five dollars.
—special assistant attorneys.	For pay of special assistant attorneys, United States courts, one thousand four hundred dollars.
—commissioners.	For fees of commissioners, United States courts, ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents.
—support of prisoners.	For support of prisoners, United States courts, nine hundred and fifty-five dollars and sixty-eight cents.
—rent.	For rent of court rooms, United States courts, thirty-two dollars.
—miscellaneous.	For miscellaneous expenses, United States courts, four hundred and seventeen dollars and seventy cents.

#### CLAIMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDITOR FOR THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Claims allowed by the Auditor for the Post-Office Department.	For free-delivery service, one dollar.
Free-delivery service.	
Clerk hire.	For clerk hire, four hundred and forty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents.
Rent.	For rent, light, and fuel, two hundred and twenty-nine dollars and sixty-one cents.
Postmasters.	For compensation of postmasters, six hundred and seventy-four dollars and fifty-five cents.
Mail deprecations.	For mail deprecations and post-office inspectors, five hundred and fifty-five dollars.
Rewards.	For rewards, five hundred and fifty dollars.
Transportation.	For railroad transportation, eighty-eight dollars and twenty five cents. For star transportation, fifty-five dollars and ninety cents.
	Approved, July 7, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

**CHAP. 572.**—An Act To increase the efficiency of the Quartermaster's Department of the Army.

Army.  
Quartermaster's Department.  
Arrangement of divisions during present war.  
*Post, p. 979.*  
Special inspectors.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the existing war and for a period not exceeding one year thereafter, the Secretary of War may make such distribution of the duties and labors of the Quartermaster's Department as may be deemed for the best interests of the service, and may assign a suitable officer in charge of each of such divisions, and may assign to duty as special inspectors of the Quartermaster's Department not exceeding four officers to be selected from the regular and volunteer officers of the Department; and such officers, and the quartermaster on the staff of the Commanding General of the Army, while so acting shall have the rank next above that held by them and not above colonel.*

—rank.

SEC. 2. That the President may nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint two quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of colonel, two quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, three quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of major, and twenty assistant quartermasters of volunteers with the rank of captain, and the Secretary of War may assign an officer of the Quartermaster's Department in charge of each principal depot of the Quartermaster's Department, not exceeding twelve, to be selected from the regular and volunteer officers of the Quartermaster's Department; and such officers while so acting shall have the rank next above that held by them and not above colonel, and the four principal assistants of the Quartermaster-General while so acting shall have the rank of colonel. The Secretary of War may assign such of the said volunteer quartermasters as may be deemed necessary to duty in the office of the Quartermaster-General, at the various supply depots or on other important and special work, and may continue such assignments for a period not exceeding one year after the close of the war, then to be discharged.

Quartermasters of volunteers.

Officer in charge of depots.

--rank.

Assignment to special work, etc. Post, p. 979.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 573.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the Subsistence Department of the Army.

July 7, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the existence of the present war, and for not exceeding one year thereafter, every commissary of subsistence, of whatever rank, who shall be assigned to the duty of purchasing and shipping subsistence supplies at important depots, shall have the rank next above that held by him and not above colonel, but the number so assigned shall only be such as may be found necessary, not exceeding twelve; also, that the two commissaries of subsistence who may be detailed as assistants to the Commissary-General of Subsistence, shall have the rank of colonel, provided that when any such officer is relieved from said duty, his temporary rank, pay and emoluments, shall cease, and he shall return to his lineal rank in the Department.

Army. Subsistence Department. Rank of commissaries of subsistence.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be added to the subsistence department in the volunteer service during the present war, and not to exceed one year thereafter, eight majors, and twelve captains for the discharge of such subsistence duties as may be assigned to them by the Secretary of War, to be nominated, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to be appointed by the President.

Temporary additional officers.

Approved, July 7, 1898.

CHAP. 574.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act to grant to the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory."

July 7, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of the Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to grant to the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company a right of way through the Indian Territory,'" approved March fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Right of way of Gainesville, McAlester and St. Louis Railway through Indian Territory. Vol. 29, p. 44, amended.

"SEC. 4. That the Gainesville, McAlester and Saint Louis Railway Company shall have the right to begin the construction of its line of road as soon as a map of definite location of the route of said road from Red River through the Indian Territory to or near South McAlester is

Construction to begin on approval of map of location from Red River to South McAlester, etc.