

Contract with lowest bidder.

Certain bids not to be considered.

Steamships to be inspected before they are accepted for the service.

Contract under this act, when to go into effect.

Stipulations thereof.

tween said ports; and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for said service, for a term of not more than ten years, to begin from the day the first steamship of the said line shall depart from the port of San Francisco with the mails for the Hawaiian islands: *Provided*, That no bids shall be considered which shall amount to more than seventy-five thousand dollars for the twelve round trips per annum, nor unless the same be from a citizen or citizens of the United States, and accompanied by an offer of good and sufficient sureties (also citizens of the United States) for the faithful performance of such contract: *And provided further*, That before the acceptance of the said steamships by the Postmaster-General, for the said service, they shall be subject to inspection *any* [and] survey by an experienced naval constructor, to be detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, whose report shall be made to the Postmaster-General.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any contract which the Postmaster-General may execute under the authority of this act shall go into effect on or before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and shall, in addition to the usual stipulations of ocean mail steamship contracts, provide that the government of the United States shall be entitled to have transported, free of expense, on each and every steamer, a mail agent to take charge of and arrange the mail matter, to whom suitable accommodations for that purpose shall be assigned; that, in case of failure, from any cause, to perform any of the monthly voyages stipulated for in this contract, a pro rata deduction may be made from the compensation on account of such omitted voyage or voyages; that suitable fines and penalties may be imposed for delays and irregularities in the performance of the service; and that the Postmaster-General shall have the power, at any time, to determine the contract in case of its being underlet or assigned to any other party.

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1867, ch. 48.
Ante, p. 397.

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act concerning the Fire Department of Washington City," approved February eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

Right to use and occupy the Union engine-house, repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act entitled "An act concerning the fire department of Washington city," approved February eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven as provides for the use and occupation of the Union engine-house by the city of Washington, is hereby repealed.

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CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act to extend the Provisions of an Act entitled "An Act for the final Adjustment of private Land Claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri, and for other purposes."*

Provisions of act, 1860, ch. 188, Vol. xii. p. 85, extended for three years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the final adjustment of private land claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri, and for other purposes," approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty, be, and the same are hereby, extended, and the same shall continue in force for a period of three years from and after the passage of this act.

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