

March 1, 1881.

**CHAP. 94.**—An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to appoint additional policemen for temporary service in the District, and for other purposes.

Commissioners of the District of Columbia to employ additional policemen for temporary service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to appoint, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the Metropolitan police of the District of Columbia, three hundred additional privates on the Metropolitan police force of said District for the period of ten days from the passage of this act, who shall be paid two dollars for each day's service rendered by them in that capacity; and a sum sufficient for their payment and equipment is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the expense of said police shall be paid one-half out of the revenues of the District and the other half out of the revenues of the United States: *And provided further,* That twenty of said force shall be detailed and placed under control of the Architect of the Capitol, Sergeant-at-arms of the House, and Sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Provisos.

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**CHAP. 95.**—An act to amend section thirty-five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes so as to authorize a charge for melting or refining bullion when at or above standard.

R. S. 3524, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section thirty-five hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended by striking out of said section the words "for melting and refining when bullion is below standard," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "for melting or refining bullion."

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**CHAP. 96.**—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and for other purposes.

Appropriations for service Post-Office Department.

1836, ch. 270, Stat., 5, 81.

Items.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, out of any money in the Treasury arising from the revenues of said department, in conformity to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

**OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**—For mail depredations and post-office inspectors, including amounts necessary for fees to United States marshals and attorneys, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. And not exceeding five thousand dollars of this amount may be expended for fees to United States attorneys, marshals, clerks of courts, and counsel necessarily employed by post-office inspectors of the Post-Office Department, subject to approval by the Attorney-General; and hereafter the superintendent of railway mail-service and the chief of post-office inspectors shall be paid their actual expenses while travelling on the business of the department.

Advertisement of mail-lettings.

For advertising, thirty five thousand dollars; and hereafter the Postmaster-General shall cause advertisements of all general mail-lettings of each State and Territory to be conspicuously posted in each post-office in the State and Territory embraced in said advertisements for at least sixty days before the time of such general letting; and no other advertisement of such lettings shall be required; but this provision shall not

apply to any other than general mail-lettings. And whenever it shall become necessary to employ temporary service on any mail route, it shall be the duty of the Postmaster-General to advertise for bids, or proposals, for such service by posting notices in the post offices at the termini of such route and upon a bulletin-board in a public-place in the Post-Office Department building at Washington in the District of Columbia for at least ten days prior to such letting.

Temporary mail service, how advertised.

For preparation and publication of post-route maps, including revision of former editions, and maps, diagrams, and other information fifty thousand dollars; and the Postmaster-General may authorize the publication and sale of said maps to individuals at the cost thereof, the proceeds of said sales to be applied as a further appropriation for said purpose.

Post-route maps.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, two thousand dollars; and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to take the necessary steps to rent a suitable building or buildings for the use of the money-order office of the Post-Office Department and of the money-order division of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department: *Provided*, That the rent of such building or buildings, and the cost of necessary furniture for the same, to be procured under the supervision of the superintendent of the money-order system, shall be paid out of the proceeds of the money-order business: *And provided further*, That the annual rental of such building or buildings shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, and the cost of the furniture for the same shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous items.

Rent of building for money-order office and money-order division of Auditor of the Treasury authorized.

Provisos.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For compensation to postmasters, seven million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Postmasters.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, three million eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For payment to letter-carriers, two million six hundred thousand dollars.

Letter-carriers.

For wrapping-paper, twenty thousand dollars.

Wrapping-paper.

For wrapping-twine, fifty-five thousand dollars.

Twine.

For marking and rating stamps, fifteen thousand dollars.

Marking stamps.

For letter-balances, test-weights, and scales, ten thousand dollars.

Balances, weights, and scales.

For rent, light, and fuel, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For office furniture, twenty thousand dollars.

Furniture.

For stationery, fifty thousand dollars.

Stationery.

For miscellaneous and incidental items, ninety thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For inland mail transportation, namely: For transportation on railroad routes, nine million four hundred and eighty-eight thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars; and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to expend not to exceed thirty thousand dollars thereof for special railroad service between the Union Depot in East Saint Louis, Illinois, and the Union Depot in Saint Louis, Missouri; and such sum shall include depot room and transfer service at each terminal.

Transportation of mails.

Special mail service.

For railway post-office car service, one million four hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars. And hereafter when any railroad company fail or refuse to provide railway post-office cars when required by the Post-Office Department, or shall fail or refuse to provide suitable safety-heaters and safety-lamps therefor, with such number of saws and axes to each car for use in case of accident as may be required by the Post-Office Department, said company shall have its pay reduced ten per centum on the rates fixed in section four thousand and two of the Revised Statutes, as amended by act of July twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes," and as

Railway post-office car service.

Penalty for not providing railway post-office cars.

R. S. 4002. 1876, ch. 179, Stat., 19, 78.

- 1878, ch. 259, further amended by the act of June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes."
- Stat., 20, 140.
- Items. For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.
- For inland transportation by steamboat routes, nine hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.
- For inland transportation by star routes, seven million nine hundred thousand dollars.
- For compensation to railway post-office clerks, one million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- For route-agents, one million two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.
- For mail-route messengers, two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.
- For local agents, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- For mail-messengers, seven hundred and seventy-five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.
- For mail locks and keys, twenty-five thousand dollars.
- For mail-bags and mail-bag catchers, two hundred thousand dollars.
- For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.
- Third Assistant P. M. General. Postage-stamps. *Provided*. OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For manufacture of adhesive postage-stamps, of official stamps, and of newspaper and periodical stamps, one hundred and five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the condition attached to the item of appropriation for the "manufacture of adhesive postage-stamps," and so forth, in the first section of the "Act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, which condition is in the following words, namely, "If said stamps can be furnished by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Department at less than the same now cost, the work of printing the same shall be given to said bureau when not in violation of existing contracts," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.
- 1879, ch. 180, Stat., 20, 357. Items. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of the agency, eight thousand one hundred dollars.
- Stamped envelopes. For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper-wrappers, five hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.
- For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper-wrappers, and expenses of agency, sixteen thousand dollars.
- Postal cards. For manufacture of postal cards, two hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars.
- For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, seven thousand three hundred dollars.
- Envelopes, etc. For registered-package envelopes, locks and seals, and for office envelopes, and for dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.
- Ship letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, four thousand five hundred dollars.
- Drafts and warrants. For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, one thousand five hundred dollars.
- Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.
- Transportation of foreign mails. *Provided*. OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.—For transportation of foreign mails, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General is authorized to pay to the colonies of New Zealand and New South Wales so much of the cost of the overland transportation of the British closed mails to and from Australia as he may deem just, not to exceed one-half of said cost; and the sum of forty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

For balances due foreign countries, forty-five thousand dollars, including the United States' portion of the expenses of the International Bureau at Berne, Switzerland, under the provisions of the Universal Postal Union Convention, concluded at Paris, France, June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Balances due foreign countries.

1878, Convention, Stat., 20, 734.

Deficiency in revenue.

SEC. 2. That if the revenue of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, then the sum of two million one hundred and fifty-two thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

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CHAP. 97.—An act for the relief of settlers upon the Absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas, and for other purposes.

March 1, 1881.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the joint resolution approved April seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, for the relief of the settlers upon the Absentee Shawnee lands in Kansas, be, and they hereby are, extended so as to allow any bona fide settler now occupying said lands, and having made improvements thereon, or the heirs at law of such, who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become such according to the naturalization laws, to purchase for cash the land so occupied and improved by him, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in each case, at not less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre, at any time within one year after the passage of this act, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and that any lands not claimed by such settlers at the expiration of that period shall be offered at public sale at the minimum rate of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, notice of such sale to be given by public advertisement of not less than thirty days; and, further, that any tracts not then sold shall be thereafter subject to private entry at the same minimum: *Provided, however,* That the proceeds of such sales shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of the treaty between the United States and the said Shawnee Indians, proclaimed November second, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Absentee Shawnee lands, Kansas. 1869, Res., 9, Stat., 16, 53. Relief of settlers.

Proviso.

10, Stat., 1053.

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CHAP. 107.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to change the name of vessels under certain circumstances.

March 2, 1881.

*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 hereby is, authorized to permit the owner or owners of any vessel duly enrolled and found seaworthy and free from debt to change the name of the same when in his opinion there shall be sufficient cause for so doing.

Authority to change names of vessels vested in Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish such rules and regulations and procure such evidence as to the age, condition, where built, and pecuniary liability of the vessel as he may deem necessary to prevent injury to public or private interests: and when permission is granted by the Secretary he shall cause the order for the change of name to be published at least in four issues in some daily or weekly paper at the place of register; and the cost of procuring evidence and advertising the change of name to be paid by the person or persons desiring such change of name.

Rules and regulations.

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