

**CHAP. 90.**—An act to provide for the erection of a public building in Jefferson City, in the State of Missouri.

Mar. 3, 1883.

*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 is hereby authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults extending to each story, in Jefferson City, in the State of Missouri, for the use and accommodation of the United States circuit and district courts, post-office, and other government offices held and located in said city, which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of at least fifty feet, including streets and alleys; the site, and the building thereon, when completed according to plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, not to exceed the cost of one hundred thousand dollars; and said sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of said site and the completion of said building: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of Missouri shall cede 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 any civil process therein.

Public building.  
Jefferson City,  
Mo.; erection of,  
authorized.  
Purchase of site.

Cost.  
Appropriation.

*Proviso.*  
Title.

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**CHAP. 91.**—An act to amend the pension laws by increasing the pensions of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or leg in the service, and for other purposes.

Mar. 3, 1883.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the passage of this act all persons on the pension-roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who, while in the military or naval service of the United States, and in the line of duty, shall have lost one hand or one foot, or been totally or permanently disabled in the same, or otherwise so disabled as to render their incapacity to perform manual labor equivalent to the loss of a hand or a foot, shall receive a pension of twenty-four dollars per month; that all persons now on the pension-roll, and all persons hereafter granted a pension, who in like manner shall have lost either an arm at or above the elbow, or a leg at or above the knee, or shall have been otherwise so disabled as to be incapacitated for performing any manual labor, but not so much as to require regular personal aid and attendance, shall receive a pension of thirty dollars per month: *Provided,* That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to repeal section forty-six hundred and ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, or to change the rate of eighteen dollars per month therein mentioned to be proportionately divided for any degree of disability established for which section forty-six hundred and ninety-five makes no provision.

Increase of pension of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm or leg in service.

Equivalent in capacity.

Loss of arm above elbow, or leg above the knee.

*Proviso.*  
R. S. 4699, 915.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

**CHAP. 92.**—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, and for other purposes.

Mar. 3, 1883.

*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

Appropriations for service of Post-Office Department.  
5 Stat., 81.

eighty-four, 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:

Items.	OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For mail depredations and post-office inspectors, including amounts necessary for fees to United States marshals and attorneys, two hundred thousand dollars, and of this sum three thousand dollars shall be paid to the chief post-office inspector; 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.
Advertising.	For advertising, forty thousand dollars.
Miscellaneous.	For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.
Postmasters.	OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For compensation to postmasters, nine million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Clerks.	For compensation to clerks in post-offices, four million seven hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.
Letter-carriers.	For payment to letter-carriers and the incidental expenses of the free delivery system, three million five hundred thousand dollars, forty-five thousand dollars of which may be used, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, for the establishment, under existing law, of the free-delivery system in cities where it is not now established
Free delivery, etc., authorized.	
Wrapping paper.	For wrapping-paper, twenty-five thousand dollars.
Twine.	For cotton, jute, and hemp twine, fifty-five thousand dollars.
Marking stamps.	For marking and rating stamps, twenty thousand dollars.
Letter balances, etc.	For letter-balances, test-weights, and scales, twenty thousand dollars.
Rent, light, fuel.	For rent, light, and fuel, four hundred and forty thousand dollars
Furniture.	For office furniture, twenty-five thousand dollars.
Stationery.	For stationery, sixty thousand dollars.
Miscellaneous.	For miscellaneous and incidental items, ninety thousand dollars.
Inland mail transportation.	OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—For inland mail transportation, namely: For transportation on railroad routes, eleven million seven hundred thousand dollars; and if any railroad company shall fail or refuse to transport the mails for which this appropriation is made, when required by the Post-Office Department, upon the fastest train or trains run upon said road, said company shall have its pay reduced fifty per centum of the amount now provided by law; and the Postmaster-General is authorized to pay, out of the appropriation for transportation on railroad routes, for special railroad service between the union depot in East Saint Louis, Illinois, and the union depot in Saint Louis, Missouri, a sum not exceeding the lowest rate which private individuals, express companies, or others may pay for transportation between said points, but not to exceed for the fiscal year twenty-five thousand dollars, including allowance for depot room and transfer service at each terminal:
Mail service on fast trains.	For railway post-office-car service, one million five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.
Special railroad service.	For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars.
Railway post-office car service. Items.	For inland transportation by steamboat routes, six hundred thousand dollars.
	For inland transportation by star routes, five million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
	For railway post-office clerks, three million nine hundred and seventy-seven thousand one hundred and twenty dollars.
	For mail-messengers, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
	For mail locks and keys, twenty thousand dollars.
	For mail-bags and mail-bag catchers, two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For the purchase, by special contract, of raw-hide packing-trunks for the transportation of registered mail, nine thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

**OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.**—For manufacture of adhesive postage-stamps and of newspaper and periodical stamps, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars; and upon all matter of the first class, as defined by chapter one hundred and eighty of the laws of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled an 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, and by that act declared subject to postage at the rate of three cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, postage shall be charged, on and after the first day of October A. D. eighteen hundred and eighty-three at the rate of two cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof; and all acts, so far as they fix a different rate of postage than herein provided upon such first-class matter, are, to that extent, hereby repealed.

Postage-stamps.

20 Stat., 357.

Letter postage reduced to two cents per half ounce or fraction thereof.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of the agency, eight thousand one hundred dollars

Distribution of stamps.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper-wrappers and letter-sheets, six hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes.

For pay of agent and assistants, to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper-wrappers, and letter-sheets, and expenses of agency, sixteen thousand dollars.

For manufacture of postal cards, two hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars.

Postal cards.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, seven thousand three hundred dollars.

For registered-package envelopes, locks and seals, and for office envelopes, and for dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Envelopes, locks, seals, etc.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, one thousand five hundred dollars

Ship letters, etc.

For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, two thousand dollars.

Drafts and warrants.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.**—For transportation of foreign mails, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Transportation of foreign mails.

For balances due foreign countries, sixty thousand dollars, including the United States' portion of the expenses of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union Convention.

Balances due foreign countries.

**SEC. 2.** That if the revenue of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply the said deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four.

Deficiency in revenues.

**SEC. 3.** That the Postmaster-General is hereby directed to make a thorough investigation into the railway mail service of the United States, and report to Congress, in December next, with the data upon which it is based, a more complete system of gauging the rates of pay for carrying the mails on railroad routes if practicable in order to secure the better protection of the interests of the government, and the adjustment of rates of compensation for the service required; and he is authorized to expend, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, out of the appropriation for the transportation of mails, for actual and necessary expenses involved, including such extra compensation as he may deem just and reasonable to officers of the department for specific services rendered which sum shall be immediately available.

Investigation of railway mail service of U. S., authorized.

Appropriation.

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