

SEC. 4. That the rate of interest to be collected of any person owing arrearages of general taxes prior to July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, or assessments for special improvements, including the laying of water mains, now due to, and the liens for which are held by, the District of Columbia, shall be six per centum per annum in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law and all accrued costs: *Provided*, That this provision shall apply only to taxes and assessments paid on or before the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-one: *Provided*, That as to all taxes, costs, and charges unpaid on said date there shall be added a penalty of ten per cent to be calculated on all sums due.

Interest on arrearages of taxes, etc., to be 6 per centum.

Provisos.

If paid June 30, 1891.

Added penalty, if unpaid.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 547.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

March 3, 1891.

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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postal service appropriations.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster-General.

For mail depre-dations, and post-office inspectors, and fees to United States marshals, attorneys, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, two hundred and seventy thousand dollars, and the number of post-office inspectors is hereby increased to twelve, to be appointed by the Postmaster General.

Mail depre-dations, inspectors, etc.

For advertising, eighteen thousand dollars.

Advertising.

To enable the Postmaster General, if in his judgment, after a careful investigation it shall be deemed advisable, and they shall by him be deemed valuable as aids in facilitating and protecting the Government in the settlement of accounts now pending in the office of the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury Department, and in protecting the Government against over payments and frauds, to purchase certain books and records of the Post-Office Department of the late so-called Confederate Government, and referred to in Senate Executive Document Numbered Seven, second session, Fifty-first Congress, ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Purchase of confederate postal records.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

For compensation to postmasters, fourteen million nine hundred thousand dollars.

Postmasters.

For compensation to clerks in post offices, eight million and sixty thousand dollars.

Clerks in post-offices.

For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For rent, light, and fuel to post offices of the third class, five hundred and ninety-two thousand eight hundred dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third-class post-office for rent a sum in excess of four hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and lights in any one year.

Proviso.

Limit third-class offices.

For miscellaneous and incidental items for first and second class post offices, including furniture, one hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For free-delivery service, ten million ninety-two thousand five hundred and forty-two dollars, of which a sum not exceeding ten thou-

Free delivery.

Small offices.	sand dollars may be expended for experimental "free delivery" at small offices not having the requirements of population or revenue under existing law.
Stationery.	For stationery in post offices, fifty-seven thousand dollars.
Twine.	For wrapping twine, eighty-five thousand dollars.
Paper.	For wrapping paper, sixty thousand dollars.
Scales.	For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, eighteen thousand dollars.
Canceling, etc., stamps.	For post-marking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, and including forty thousand dollars for the rental of one hundred improved canceling machines, eighty thousand dollars.
Packing boxes, etc.	For packing-boxes, saw dust, paste, and hardware, two thousand dollars.
Printing.	For printing facing slips, card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for post offices of the first and second classes, eight thousand dollars.

Second Assistant
Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland transportation. Star routes.	For inland mail transportation, namely, inland transportation by star routes, five million eight hundred and ninety-two thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars and fifty-one cents.
Steamboat routes.	For inland transportation by steamboat routes, five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.
Messenger service.	For mail-messenger service, one million two hundred thousand dollars.
Bags and catchers.	For mail bags and mail-bag catchers, cord fasteners, label casers, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.
Locks, keys, etc.	For mail locks and keys, chains, tools and machinery and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, forty-five thousand dollars.
Repair shop.	For the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to rent a building for mail-bag repair shop and lock repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen, and charwomen, oil and repair of machinery for same, six thousand five hundred dollars.
Railroad routes. Freight.	For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper from the manufactories to the post offices and depots of distribution, twenty-two million five hundred and fifty thousand one hundred and twenty-eight dollars and thirty-one cents.
Postal cars.	For railway post office car service, two million seven hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars.
Railway mail clerks.	For railway post office clerks, six million three hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars, of which not to exceed twenty thousand dollars may be used to pay necessary traveling expenses for chief clerks and railway postal clerks traveling on duty under order of the Postmaster-General.
Traveling expenses.	For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, two hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-nine cents: <i>Provided</i> , That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, withdraw this fund, or any portion thereof, from any railroad company when, in his judgment, the public interests require it.
Special facilities.	
<i>Proviso.</i>	
Withdrawal.	
Miscellaneous.	For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Third Assistant Post-
master-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Stamps.	For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, two hundred and three thousand dollars.
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For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, nine thousand dollars.	Distribution.
For manufacture of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, nine hundred and thirty-three thousand dollars.	Stamped envelopes, etc.
For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, and expense of agency, seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.	Distribution.
For manufacture of postal-cards, two hundred and fourteen thousand dollars.	Postal-cards.
For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal-cards, and expense of agency, seven thousand eight hundred dollars.	Distribution.
For registered package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars.	Official, etc., envelopes.
For ship, steamboat, and way letters, two thousand five hundred dollars.	Ship, etc., letters.
For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants four thousand dollars. And the Postmaster-General may from time to time designate any officer of the Post Office Department, above the grade of fourth-class clerk, to sign warrants in his stead, and such warrants when so signed, shall be of the same validity as if they had been signed by the Postmaster General.	Printing, etc., drafts. Officer to sign warrants.
For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.	Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.

For transportation of foreign mails, one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That hereafter the Postmaster General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, to cover one-half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expense of clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steamships between the United States and other postal administrations in the International Postal Union.	Transportation. <i>Proviso.</i> Clerks on steamships.
For balance due foreign countries, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.	Balance 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 said deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.	Appropriation to meet deficiencies.
SEC. 3. That the members and members elect of Congress, shall have the privilege of sending free through the mails, and under their frank, letters to any officer of the Government when addressed officially.	Members of Congress may frank official letters to Government officers.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 548.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and pensions of the United States, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1891.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and for other purposes, namely:

For Army and Navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives; survivors and widows of

Pensions appropriations.

Invalid, etc., pensions.