

June 6, 1896.

CHAP. 339.—An Act Amending and extending the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled "An Act approving with amendments the funding Act of Arizona," approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the Act amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto approved August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Arizona.
Refunding of all out-
standing obligations
authorized.
Vol. 26, p. 179; Vol.
28, p. 224.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, authorizing the funding of certain indebtedness of the Territory of Arizona, are hereby amended and extended so as to authorize the funding of all outstanding obligations of said Territory, and the counties, municipalities, and school districts thereof, as provided in the Act of Congress approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, until January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and all outstanding bonds, warrants, and other evidences of indebtedness of the Territory of Arizona; and the counties, municipalities, and school districts thereof, heretofore authorized by legislative enactments of said Territory bearing a higher rate of interest than is authorized by the aforesaid funding Act approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and which said bonds, warrants, and other evidences of indebtedness have been sold or exchanged in good faith in compliance with the terms of the acts of the legislature by which they were authorized, shall be funded, with the interest thereon which has accrued and may accrue until funded into the lower interest-bearing bonds as provided by this Act.

Confirmation of
funded bonds, etc.

SEC. 2. That all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness heretofore funded by the loan commission of Arizona under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety, and the Act amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto approved August third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, are hereby declared to be valid and legal for the purposes for which they were issued and funded; and all bonds and other evidences of indebtedness heretofore issued under the authority of the legislature of said Territory, as hereinbefore authorized to be funded, are hereby confirmed, approved, and validated, and may be funded as in this Act provided until January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to make the Government of the United States liable or responsible for the payment of any of said bonds, warrants, or other evidences of indebtedness by this Act approved, confirmed, and made valid, and authorized to be funded.

Refunding permit-
ted until Jan. 1, 1897.

Proviso.
Non liability of
United States.

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June 8, 1896.

CHAP. 370.—An Act To regulate mail matter of the fourth class.

Postal service.
Fourth-class matter
defined.
Vol. 20, p. 360.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That mailable matter of the fourth class shall embrace all matter not embraced in the first, second, or third class which is not in its form or nature liable to destroy, deface, or otherwise damage the contents of the mail bag or harm the person of anyone engaged in the postal service, and is not above the weight provided by law, which is hereby declared to be not exceeding four pounds for each package thereof, except in case of single books weighing in excess of that amount, and except for books and documents published or circulated by order of Congress, or printed or written official matter emanating from any of the Departments of the Government or from the Smithsonian Institution, or which is not declared nonmailable under the provisions of section thirty-eight hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Act of July twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, or matter appertaining to lotteries, gift concerts, or fraudulent schemes or devices.

Limit of weight.
Exceptions.
Congressional docu-
ments.
Printed or written
official matter.

Obscene, etc.
R. S., sec. 3893, p. 758.

Lotteries, etc.

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