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CHAP. LXXIII.—*An Act to declare treasury notes and bonds, enclosed in boxes for transmission by the Treasury Department, mailable matter, and to regulate the rates of postage.*

Treasury notes, bonds, &c., enclosed in boxes for transmission by the Treasury Department declared mailable matter.

Rates of postage on such packages.

Such mailable matter to be transmitted only on railroad routes.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the treasury notes and other money and bonds, signed and unsigned, inclosed in boxes for transmission by the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby declared mailable matter; and that the rates of postage on such packages shall be fixed by agreement between the Postmaster General and the Secretary of the Treasury.*

SEC. 2. That such mailable matter shall be transmitted only on railroad routes, and under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Postmaster General and Secretary of the Treasury as shall insure the safety of the same.

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CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act to authorize the establishment of Express Mails.*

Postmaster General authorized to establish express mails.

Express mails so established deemed post routes.

Rates of postage on such lines.

Proviso.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized, if found practicable and necessary, to establish express mails for the conveyance of letters and government dispatches only, as a means of securing greater dispatch than can be afforded by the regular mails; and the lines of express mails so established shall be deemed post routes.*

SEC. 2. The rates of postage on such lines shall be fixed by the Postmaster General, but shall not exceed one dollar on a single letter not exceeding in weight one half ounce, and at the same rate for any additional half ounce or fraction of a half ounce, for any distance not exceeding five hundred miles, and for any distance exceeding five hundred miles double the said rate to be so fixed: *Provided*, This law shall not repeal the laws now in force regulating the ordinary mail service.

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CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act for the benefit of certain claimants for postal services.*

Time allowed for the presentation of claims for postal services under the acts of August 30, 1861, and January 23, 1863, extended for one year, from the passage of this act.

Such claimants to be paid under the act of Sept. 27, 1862, ante p. 62, ch. 16.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That citizens of the Confederate States who failed to present their claims for postal services to the Post-Office Department, under the provisions of An Act entitled "An Act to collect for distribution the moneys remaining in the several post-offices of the Confederate States at the time the postal service was taken in charge by said government," approved August thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and An Act to amend the said Act, approved January twenty-three, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, may present their claims, in pursuance of the provisions of said Acts, within twelve months after the passage of this Act; and such claimants shall be paid under the provisions of An Act entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of sums ascertained to be due for postal services to citizens of the Confederate States by the Postmaster General," approved September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

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