

mentioned shall be subject to the rules and articles of war when not in active service, so far as shall be necessary to secure the punishment of military offences, committed while in active service, and to secure obedience to orders respecting military exercises, reports, returns, and the preservation of public property in their hands.

Sec. 2. That detailed men, elected or appointed officers of such troops, shall have rank and command appropriate to their grades, but shall receive pay and allowances only as other detailed men.

Sec. 3. That officers of such troops shall have rank and command, according to grade and seniority, when in actual service, but when not in actual service such officers shall have rank and command only in their own corps, and for the purposes of military exercises, reports, returns and the preservation of the public property in their hands and in the hands of their troops.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of War may assign to the duties of the staff of such troops such unassigned officers as he may deem necessary.

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No. 24. An Act regulating the compensation of Postmasters, special agents and route agents.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That, in lieu of the commission allowed postmasters by an act approved April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the Postmaster General may allow, on the proceeds of their respective offices, a commission not exceeding the following rates, on the amount of postage collected at, together with the amount of postage prepaid by stamps on mails sent from, their respective offices, in each quarter of the year, and in due proportion for any period less than a quarter, viz: On any sums not exceeding one hundred dollars, sixty per cent; but any postmaster at whose office the mail is to arrive regularly between the hours of nine o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning, may be allowed seventy per cent, on the first one

hundred dollars. On any sum over and above one hundred dollars, and not exceeding four hundred dollars, fifty per cent. On any sum over and above four hundred dollars, but not exceeding twenty-four hundred dollars, forty per cent. And on all sums over twenty-four hundred dollars, twenty-five per cent. On the amount of postage on letters and packages received at a distributing office for distribution, ten per cent. commission may be allowed: *Provided*, That the commissions allowed to any postmaster by this act, (except as hereinafter specified) during any one year shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars, or a due proportion thereof for any period less than one year: *Provided, further*, That the maximum rate per annum of compensation, allowances and emoluments of the postmaster of the city of Richmond, Virginia, shall be six thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to allow, out of the proceeds derived from postages at the post office in the city of Richmond, Virginia, such sums, in addition to the commissions and emoluments, as may be necessary to defray the actual and necessary expenditures for clerk hire, and allow to the postmaster in said city the maximum compensation of four thousand dollars per annum, from the first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Sec. 3. That, from and after the passage of this act, the annual compensation of the special agents of the Post Office Department shall be three thousand dollars, in addition to the sum now allowed by law for their per diem expenses.

Sec. 4. That from and after the passage of this act, the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized to increase the present annual rate of compensation of the route agents of the Post Office Department to a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no person shall hereafter be employed as a route agent who is capable of military service in the field, or who is not exempt by age from military duty.

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