

Report on Quartermaster's bureau since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and report the same to Congress at its next session.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and state the accounts of the late Superintendent of the Fort Ridgely and South Pass wagon road, up to the time when he was relieved from the care of the public property in his possession, allowing him all such sums as, in the opinion of the Secretary, may be fair, reasonable, and just, and charging him with all such sums as in his opinion he ought to be charged with, and report the same to Congress.

Protection of emigrants on overland-routes.

SEC. [3.] *And be it further enacted*, That for the protection of emigrants on the overland routes between the Atlantic slope and the California and Oregon and Washington frontier, the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, if, in his judgment, the same may be necessary.

APPROVED, March 2, 1861.

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CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

Appropriations for Post-Office Department.

*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 the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, out of any moneys in the Treasury arising from the revenues of the said Department, in conformity to the act of the second July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

1836, ch. 270.  
Vol. v. p. 80.

Transportation of the mails.

For transportation of the mails, (inland,) ten million forty thousand two hundred and eighty-four dollars; and the Postmaster General is hereby directed to reëxamine the causes for discontinuance or curtailment of the postal service on inland routes since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and to restore all such parts of said service as can be restored with due regard to the public interest and the circumstances of each case, whether such discontinuance or curtailment was upon contracts yet in force, or has taken effect upon the making of new contracts: *And provided*, That the restoration or increase of service hereby contemplated, shall not be made without the consent of the contractor in each case, or in pursuance of his contract.

Discontinuance, &c. of postal service since March 4, 1859, to be inquired into.

No change to be made without consent of contractor.

Compensation to postmasters.

No pay allowed for delivery of free letters or papers, except, &c.

For compensation to postmasters, two millions seven hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no compensation shall be paid to postmasters after the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, for the delivery of free letters or papers to their recipients, except to the postmaster at Washington city, District of Columbia, in pursuance of the existing law authorizing a special allowance to him for such service.

Clerks to postmasters.

For clerks in the offices of postmasters, one million forty-five thousand five hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-three cents.

Ship-letters.  
Office-furniture.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand dollars.

For office furniture for post offices, four thousand dollars.

For advertising, seventy thousand dollars.

For mail bags, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For paper for blanks, sixty thousand dollars.

For printing blanks, twelve thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, twenty thousand dollars.

Advertising, paper, twine, &c.

Mail depredations and special agents.

Repeal of part of act 1860, ch. 131.

For mail depredations and special agents, seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the proviso in the first section of the act of June fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty, making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, which restricts the maximum compensation to be

paid to route agents to the sum of eight hundred dollars per year, be, and the same is hereby, repealed. Pay of route-agents.

For miscellaneous payments, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars. Miscellaneous.

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hundred and ten thousand dollars. Postage-stamps, &c.

For payment of balances due to foreign countries, three hundred thousand dollars. Foreign balances.

For payment of letter carriers, two hundred and ten thousand dollars. Letter-carriers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the third section of the act making provision for the postal service in California, Oregon, and Washington, approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and that all dead letters which may accumulate in the post offices in said States and Territory, after thirtieth June next, shall be returned to the General Post Office Department, at Washington, under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe. Act of 1854, ch. 109, § 3, (vol. x. p. 313,) requiring dead letters to be sent to San Francisco, &c., repealed. Such letters to be sent to Washington.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if the revenues of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations of this act, thence [the] sum of five million three hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-three cents, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two. Deficiency appropriation for year ending June 30, 1862, if, &c. 1862, ch. 85. Post, p. 408.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the third section of an act entitled "An act amendatory of an act regulating the Post Office Department," approved March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, be, and the same are hereby, applied to all post routes which have been, or may hereafter be, established in any town or city by the Postmaster General, by virtue of the tenth section of an act entitled "An act to reduce and modify the rates of postage in the United States, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-one. No person except Postmaster-General, &c. to set up any foot or horse-post. 1827, ch. 61, § 3. Vol. iv. p. 238. 1851, ch. 20, § 10. Vol. ix. p. 591.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the compensation of the special mail agent of the Post Office Department for the Pacific coast, shall be two thousand five hundred dollars per annum; such rate to take effect in virtue of this provision from the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one. Pay of special mail agent for Pacific coast.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying the mail from New York, via Panama, to San Francisco, three times a month, from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one. Mail from New York to San Francisco via Panama.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, directed to refund to Franklin Haven and his associates, the sum of money deposited by them with the Post Office Department required as indemnity for the contin[u]ance of the Boston post office in the former locality, said post office having since been removed: *Provided*, That from the sum of money thus deposited the Postmaster General shall first deduct the expenses of one removal of said post office each year. Repayment to Franklin Haven and others.

Proviso.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to extend the existing mail contract on route thirteen thousand five hundred and sixty-four, in the State of Minnesota, so that it will expire June the thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and that the said service be semi-weekly for the same period: *Provided*, The increase of pay shall not exceed the pro rata amount now paid. Mail-contract on route 13,564. 1863, ch. 55. Post, p. 664. Proviso.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That in lieu of the daily service on

1861, ch. 57,  
§ 15, *ante*, p. 169.

Service on cen-  
tral route over-  
land to San Fran-  
cisco.

to Denver City  
and Salt Lake  
City.

Pony express.

Pay.

Contractors on  
route 12,573.

Same subject.

New contract.

Proviso.

May be altered.

Paying reason-  
able damages to  
contractors.

the central route, provided by the act entitled "An act for the establishment of post routes," approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, the Postmaster General is hereby directed to discontinue the mail service on route number twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight from Saint Louis and Memphis to San Francisco, California, and to modify the contract on said route, subject to the same terms and conditions only as hereinafter provided, said discontinuance to take effect on or before July one, eighteen hundred and sixty-one. The contractors on said route shall be required to transport the entire letter mail six times a week on the central route, said letter mail to be carried through in twenty days time, eight months in the year, and in twenty-three days the remaining four months of the year, from some point on the Missouri River connected with the East, to Placerville, California, and also to deliver the entire mails tri-weekly to Denver City, and Great Salt Lake City; said contractors shall also be required to carry the residue of all mail matter in a period not exceeding thirty-five days, with the privilege of sending the latter semi-monthly from New York to San Francisco in twenty-five days by sea, and the public documents in thirty-five days. They shall also be required, during the continuance of their contract, or until the completion of the overland telegraph, to run a pony express semi-weekly, at a schedule time of ten days, eight months, and twelve days four months, carrying for the Government, free of charge, five pounds of mail matter, with the liberty of charging the public for transportation of letters by said express not exceeding one dollar per half ounce. For the above service said contractors shall receive the sum of one million dollars per annum; the contract for such service to be thus modified before the twenty-fifth day of March next, and expire July one, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the contractors on route twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight, shall be entitled to their present mail pay during the necessary time required to change their stock from their present route to the central route without performing the service, and shall be entitled also to two months' pay on their present contract as liquidated damages for such change of service, if made by them in accordance with the terms of the preceding section.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, should the contractors on the route twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight fail to accept the above modification of their present contract on or before the twenty-fifth day of March, as before stated, then the Postmaster General is directed to annul said contract, and advertise for thirty days for carrying the mail in the manner herein provided; the service to commence July one, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, or as soon thereafter as possible, and to expire July one, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and to let the same to the lowest responsible bidder, having due regard to their ability to perform the service; and the sum of one million of dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into execution the provisions of so much of this act as provides for the establishment of a daily mail on the central route: *Provided, nevertheless*, That the Postmaster General or Congress shall have power, from time to time, as the same may be deemed necessary, to alter or modify the contract hereby authorized, or to put an end to the same entirely, should the public interest demand a discontinuance of the service. But in either case the contractors shall be entitled to receive all such reasonable damages as they may sustain because of any such alteration or annulment of their contract.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the above provision shall not apply to a discontinuance of any routes or contracts connected with said route number twelve thousand five hundred and seventy-eight, and the Postmaster General is authorized to replace any local service affected by

This not to ap-  
ply to local routes.

the discontinuance of said route, now performed by the contractors on said route, by good and sufficient mail service, to take effect upon such discontinuance.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That any of the provisions of of the act entitled "An act for the establishment of post routes," approved the twenty-seventh of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, before referred to, which conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Repeal of in consistent provisions of act 1861, ch. 57.

*Ante*, pp. 151, 169.

APPROVED, March 2, 1861.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of certain Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie Indians.* March 2, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed [to] examine and report to Congress at its next session, what amount, if any, is due to the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie Indians now residing in the State of Michigan, under and by virtue of the treaties of July twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, the twenty-sixth of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, and the articles supplementary thereto of September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, with said Indians, and under the treaty of the fifth and seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, with the Pottawatomie nation of Indians; and the Secretary of the Interior is furthermore hereby authorized and directed to ascertain and report at the same time whether [there is] any money or property heretofore payable to said Pottawatomie nation under and by virtue of the treaty of October twenty-six, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, or other treaties, which has not been appropriated and paid; and, if any, what amount.

Report to be made of amount due, if any, to Chippewa, Ottawa, and Pottawatomie Indians.

Vol. vii. p. 320.  
Vol. vii. p. 431, 442.  
Vol. ix. p. 853.  
Vol. vii. p. 394.

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CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act declaring the Value of the new Silver Florin of Austria.* March 2, 1861.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the new silver florin of Austria shall, in all computations at the custom-house, be estimated at forty-six cents and nineteen-hundredths of a cent.

New silver florin of Austria.

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CHAP. LXXVI.—*An Act making Appropriations to supply a Deficiency in the Appropriations for the Completion of the Geological Survey of Oregon and Washington Territories.* March 2, 1861.

*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, to wit:

*First.* For defraying the expenses of a geological reconnoissance and explorations in Oregon and Washington Territories, over and above the appropriations of March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and eighteen hundred and fifty-five, as per accounts audited and adjusted, three thousand five hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventy cents.

Appropriations to complete geological survey of Oregon and Washington Territories.

*Second.* For expenses incurred in the analysis of eighty-eight specimens, from different localities, of soils, coals, and ores, and preparation of the final report for publication, six thousand nine hundred and eighty-four dollars and fifty cents.

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