

Duties on molasses, sugars, &c.

R. S., 2504, p. 472.

Concentrated melada, how classed.

Melada defined.

Products of sugar imported in bags, &c., considered sugar.

Drawback on refined sugars, amount retained.

R. S., 3019, p. 585, amended.

R. S., 2503, provided, p. 462, repealed.

R. S., 2504, p. 463.

Increase of duties, when not applicable.

Bolting-cloths free.

No stamp on receipt in receipt-book of savings-bank.

1875, c. 36, ante, p. 307, 310.

March 3, 1875.

Appropriation for Post-Office Department for year ending June 30, 1876.

1836, ch. 270, s. 3, v. 5, p. 80;

R. S., 4054, p. 786.

SEC. 3. That on all molasses, concentrated molasses, tank-bottoms, syrup of sugar cane juice, melada, and on sugars according to the Dutch standard in color, imported from foreign countries, there shall be levied, collected and paid, in addition to the duties now imposed in schedule G, section two thousand five hundred and four of the Revised Statutes, an amount equal to twenty-five per centum of said duties as levied upon the several articles and grades therein designated; *Provided*, That concentrated melada, or concrete, shall hereafter be classed as sugar dutiable according to color by the Dutch standard: and melada shall be known and defined as an article made in the process of sugar-making being the cane-juice boiled down to the sugar point and containing all the sugar and molasses resulting from the boiling-process and without any process of purging or clarification, and any and all products of the sugar-cane imported in bags, mats, baskets or other than tight packages shall be considered sugar and dutiable as such. *And provided further*, That of the drawback on refined sugars exported allowed by section three thousand and nineteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, only one per centum of the amount so allowed shall be retained by the United States.

SEC. 4. That so much of section two thousand five hundred and three of the Revised Statutes as provides that only ninety per centum of the several duties and rates of duty imposed on certain articles therein enumerated by section two thousand five hundred and four shall be levied, collected, and paid be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the several duties and rates of duty prescribed in said section two thousand five hundred and four shall be and remain as by that section levied, without abatement of ten per centum as provided in section two thousand five hundred and three.

SEC. 5. That the increase of duties provided by this act shall not apply to any goods, wares, or merchandise actually on shipboard and bound to the United States, on or before the tenth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, nor on any such goods, wares, or merchandise on deposit in warehouses or public stores at the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 6. That nothing contained in the act entitled "An act to amend existing customs and internal-revenue laws, and for other purposes", approved February eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, shall be construed to impose any duty on bolting-cloths theretofore admitted free of duty; nor to require the use of a stamp upon the receipt in the receipt-book of a savings-bank or institution for savings having no capital stock, and doing no other business than receiving deposits to be loaned or invested for the sole benefit of the parties making such deposits without profit or compensation to the association or company, when money is paid to a depositor on his pass-book.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 128.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and for other purposes.

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 June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, out of any money in the Treasury arising from the revenues of said Department, in conformity to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmasters.

For pay of postmasters, seven million dollars; and the salary of the postmaster of the city of New York is hereby fixed at eight thousand dollars per annum.

For pay of clerks for post-offices, three million five hundred thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For pay of letter-carriers, and incidental expenses of the free-delivery system, two million dollars.

Letter-carriers.

For wrapping-paper, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Wrapping-paper.

For twine, fifty-five thousand dollars.

Twine.

For postmarking and canceling stamps, ten thousand dollars.

Postmarking and canceling stamps.

For letter-balances, three thousand dollars.

Letter-balances.

For rent, light, and fuel for post-offices five hundred thousand dollars.

Rent, &c.

For stationery, fifty thousand dollars.

Stationery.

For furniture for post-offices, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Furniture.

For miscellaneous items, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

For inland-mail transportation, seventeen million five hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars; and out of the appropriation for inland-mail transportation the Postmaster General is authorized hereafter to pay the expenses of taking the weights of mails on railroad-routes, as provided by the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; and he is hereby directed to have the mails weighed as often as now provided by law by the employees of the Post-Office Department, and have the weights stated and verified to him by said employees under such instructions as he may consider just to the Post-Office Department and the railroad-companies.

Inland-mail transportation.

1873, c. 231, v. 17,
p. 556.
R. S., 4002, p. 777.

For pay of railway-post-office clerks, one million two hundred and fifty-seven thousand one hundred and forty-one dollars.

Railway-post-office clerks.

For pay of route-agents, one million and fifty thousand dollars.

Route-agents.

For pay of mail-route messengers, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Mail-route messengers.

For pay of local agents, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Local agents.

For pay of mail-messengers, seven hundred thousand dollars.

Mail-messengers.

For mail locks and keys, twenty-one thousand four hundred dollars.

Locks and keys.

For mail-bags and mail-bag catchers, two hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Mail-bags, &c.

For preparing and publishing post-route maps, thirty thousand dollars; and out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to pay all the expense of employing clerks, lithographers, experts, and other persons whose services may be necessary in the preparation and publication of said maps.

Post-route maps.

For payments on account of mail-depredations, and for special agents of the Post-Office Department, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Mail-depredations.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

For the manufacture of adhesive postage-stamps, including official stamps, one hundred and forty-nine thousand seven hundred and sixty-four dollars.

Postage-stamps.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postage-stamps, six thousand nine hundred dollars.

Agents, &c.

For stamped envelopes and newspaper-wrappers, four hundred and forty-six thousand five hundred and twenty dollars.

Stamped envelopes, &c.

For pay of distributing-agent and assistants, sixteen thousand three hundred dollars.

Distributing-agent, &c.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and fifty-nine thousand eight hundred and six dollars.

Postal cards.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, five thousand six hundred dollars.

Agents, &c., to distribute postal cards.

Registered pack-
age envelopes, &c.

Official envel-
opes.

Dead-letter re-
turn-envelopes.

Ship, steamboat,
and way letters.

Fees.

Engraving, &c.

Advertising.
Proviso.

R. S., s. 3826, p.
754, repealed in
part.

Advertisements
to be posted up.

Miscellaneous.

For registered-package envelopes, locks, and seals, sixty-five thousand six hundred and twenty dollars.

For official envelopes for postmasters, sixty-six thousand five hundred and sixty dollars.

For envelopes for the return of dead-letters, three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For fees to United States attorneys, marshals, clerks of courts, and counsel necessarily employed by the special agents of the Post-Office Department, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, three thousand dollars.

For advertising, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter the mail-lettings for the States of Maryland and Virginia and for the District of Columbia shall be advertised in not more than one newspaper published in the District of Columbia, and at prices satisfactory to the Postmaster-General, not exceeding the customary rates paid in the city of Washington for ordinary commercial advertisements; and so much of section three thousand eight hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States as refers to the publication of advertisements in newspapers be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

The Postmaster-General shall cause an advertisement of the mail-lettings of each State and Territory to be posted up in each post-office therein, to be posted conspicuously for at least sixty days before the time of such letting.

For miscellaneous items, two thousand five hundred dollars.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.

Foreign-mail
transportation.

Balances due for-
eign countries.

For foreign-mail transportation, three hundred thousand dollars.

For balances due foreign countries, including unsettled balances due France, for the fourth quarter of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the first and second quarters of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, eighty thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

Steamship-serv-
ice between San
Francisco, Japan,
and China.

1865, c. 37, v. 13,
p. 430.

1867, c. 41, v. 14,
p. 393.

Repeal of certain
provisions of act.

1872, c. 256, v. 17,
p. 199.

Steamship-serv-
ice between
United States and
Brazil.

For steamship-service between San Francisco, Japan, and China, five hundred thousand dollars, to be paid in accordance with the provisions and conditions of the act entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of ocean-mail steamship-service between the United States and China," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and of the second section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and for other purposes," approved February seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and the contracts heretofore made in conformity to the provisions of said acts.

That so much of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, approved June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, as relates to and authorizes a contract to be made by the Postmaster-General with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for steamship-service between San Francisco, Japan and China, is hereby repealed, and any such contract made by the Postmaster-General in pursuance of said act is hereby annulled.

For steamship-service between the United States and Brazil, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For official postage-stamps for the Post-Office Department, nine hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars.

Official postage-stamps.

SEC. 3. That if the revenues of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, then the sum of six million eight hundred and fifty-two thousand seven hundred and five dollars, 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 June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Deficiency appropriation.

That the provisions of section thirteen of the act of June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," shall apply to ex-members of Congress and ex-delegates for the period of nine months after the expiration of their terms as members and delegates, and postage on public documents mailed by such persons shall be as provided in said section.

Provisions of s. 13, act of June 23, 1874, ante, 237, to apply to ex-members of Congress, &c.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the Sixth Auditor shall keep the accounts in his office so as to show the expenditures of the Post-Office Department under each item of appropriation provided by law.

Accounts of Post-Office Department, how to be kept.

SEC. 5. That from and after the passage of this act, the Congressional Record, or any part thereof, or speeches or reports therein contained, shall, under the frank of a member of Congress, or delegate, to be written by himself, be carried in the mail free of postage, under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe; and that public documents already printed, or ordered to be printed, for the use of either House of Congress may pass free through the mails upon the frank of any member or delegate of the present Congress, written by himself, until the first day of December anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Congressional Record, &c., may be franked, &c.

SEC. 6. That the Postmaster-General shall cause a full inquiry and investigation to be made into all branches of the expenditure of the Post-Office Department, with a view to reduce such expenditures as nearly as practicable to the postal receipts; and with that purpose he shall report to the first session of the next Congress such a rate of compensation for postmasters and other employees of that Department as will reduce such compensation to a rate not exceeding that paid for equal service in private employments, and to limit the number of clerks and employees, and to reduce the number of free-delivery cities, and the compensation of postal transportation companies; and that he also report a rate of postage on printed matter and packages approaching the actual cost of their transportation and delivery, together with such practical measures that will, in his opinion, tend to make the Post-Office Department self-sustaining.

Investigation to reduce expenses of Post-Office Department.

Postmaster-General to make certain reports to Congress.

SEC. 7. That seeds transmitted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, or by any member of Congress or delegate receiving seeds for distribution from said Department, together with agricultural reports emanating from that Department, and so transmitted, shall, under such regulations as the Postmaster-General shall prescribe, pass through the mails free of charge. And the provisions of this section shall apply to ex-members of Congress and ex-delegates for the period of nine months after the expiration of their terms as members and delegates.

Seeds and agricultural reports free.

Benefit extended to ex-members, &c.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 129.—An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1875.

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

Legislative, executive, and judi-