

States and Territories, and as may be mutually agreed upon; and the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to require said stations to report to him the results of any such investigations which they may carry out, whether in cooperation with said Secretary of Agriculture or otherwise, twenty thousand dollars.

Reports.

**IRRIGATION INVESTIGATIONS:** To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate and report upon the laws as affecting irrigation and the rights of riparian proprietors and institutions relating to irrigation and upon the use of irrigation waters, at home or abroad, with especial suggestions of better methods for the utilization of irrigation waters in agriculture than those in common use, and upon plans for the removal of seepage and surplus waters by drainage, and upon the use of different kinds of power for irrigation and other agricultural purposes, and for the preparation, printing, and illustration of reports and bulletins on irrigation, including employment of labor in the city of Washington or elsewhere; and the agricultural experiment stations are hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture in carrying out said investigations in such manner and to such extent as may be warranted by a due regard to the varying conditions and needs of the respective States and Territories as may be mutually agreed upon, and all necessary expenses, sixty-five thousand dollars.

Irrigation.

Reports.

**PUBLIC ROAD INQUIRIES:** To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to make inquiries in regard to the system of road management throughout the United States; to make investigations in regard to the best methods of road making, and the best kind of road-making materials in the several States; the employment of local and special agents, clerks, assistants, and other labor required in conducting experiments in the city of Washington and elsewhere; and in collating, digesting, reporting, and illustrating the results of such experiments; to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to investigate the chemical and physical character of road materials, for the pay of experts, chemists, and laborers, for necessary office fixtures, supplies, apparatus, and materials; telegraph and telephone service, traveling, and other necessary expenses, and for preparing and publishing bulletins and reports on this subject for distribution, and to enable him to assist the agricultural colleges and experiment stations in disseminating information on this subject, thirty-five thousand dollars, three thousand dollars of which sum shall be immediately available.

Public roads.

**EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION:** To enable the Secretary of Agriculture to stamp out and eradicate the foot and mouth disease and other contagious diseases of animals, to be used for no other purpose, five hundred thousand dollars.

Emergency fund for eradicating contagious animal diseases.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

**CHAP. 1009.**—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four, and for other purposes.

March 3, 1903.

[Public. No. 159.]

*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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postal service appropriations.  
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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster-General.

For advertising, seven thousand dollars.  
For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, six thousand dollars.

Advertising.  
Miscellaneous.

Opinions of Assistant Attorney-General.

For printing and binding the opinions of the Assistant Attorney-General for the Post-Office Department, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster. Chicago, salary.

For compensation to postmasters, twenty-one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the salary of the postmaster of the city of Chicago is hereby fixed at eight thousand dollars per annum. Any portion thereof saved by the consolidation of post-offices under existing law shall be transferred to the appropriation for compensation to clerks in post-offices and made available for the payment of the salaries of superintendents and clerks at stations established in lieu of the post-offices thus discontinued.

Allowance for stations from discontinued offices.

Salary and allowance division.

Assistant postmasters.

Proviso. Chicago.

**SALARY AND ALLOWANCE DIVISION:** For compensation to assistant postmasters at first and second class post-offices: Two at three thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the salary of the assistant postmaster at Chicago shall be fixed at three thousand five hundred dollars per annum; sixteen, at three thousand dollars; six, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; four, at two thousand dollars each; fourteen, at one thousand nine hundred dollars each; twenty, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; thirty-five at one thousand seven hundred dollars each; eighty-five, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; eighty, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; one hundred and fifty, at one thousand three hundred dollars each; three hundred, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; three hundred and ten, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; and four hundred, at one thousand dollars each; in all, for assistant postmasters, one million eight hundred and ninety-four thousand one hundred dollars.

Clerks, etc., compensation.

At \$100 each.

For compensation to clerks in first and second class post-offices: One thousand clerks in charge of stations and substations, at one hundred dollars each, one hundred thousand dollars;

At \$200 each.

Three hundred and fifty clerks in charge of stations and substations, at two hundred dollars each, seventy thousand dollars;

At \$300 each.

Two hundred and fifty clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, and stampers, at three hundred dollars each, seventy-five thousand dollars;

At \$400 each.

Two hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general-utility clerks, at four hundred dollars each, eighty thousand dollars;

At \$500 each.

Eight hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general-utility clerks, at five hundred dollars each, four hundred thousand dollars;

At \$600 each.

Four thousand two hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at six hundred dollars each, two million five hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

At \$700 each.

Two thousand three hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks.

inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at seven hundred dollars each, one million six hundred and ten thousand dollars;

Four thousand clerks in charge of stations and substations, stampers, mail messengers, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, and assistant superintendents of money-order division, at eight hundred dollars each, three million two hundred thousand dollars;

At \$800 each.

Two thousand five hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, and foremen of crews, at nine hundred dollars each, two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

At \$900 each.

Two thousand three hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, at one thousand dollars each, two million three hundred thousand dollars;

At \$1,000 each.

One thousand five hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, at one thousand one hundred dollars each, one million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

At \$1,100 each.

One thousand four hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, draftsman New York, finance clerks and secretaries and stenographers, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, one million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars;

At \$1,200 each.

Four hundred dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant

At \$1,300 each.

superintendents of money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand three hundred dollars each, five hundred and twenty thousand dollars;

At \$1,400 each.

Three hundred and fifty dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, four hundred and ninety thousand dollars;

At \$1,500 each.

One hundred and ten stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand five hundred dollars each, one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars;

At \$1,600 each.

One hundred and ten stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand six hundred dollars each, one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars;

At \$1,700 each.

One hundred and twenty-five stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand seven hundred dollars each, two hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars;

At \$1,800 each.

Sixty assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, one hundred and eight thousand dollars;

At \$2,000 each.

Eighty superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand dollars each, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars;

At \$2,100 each.

Sixteen superintendents of money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand one hundred dollars each, thirty-three thousand six hundred dollars;

At \$2,200 each.

Thirty superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand two hundred dollars each, sixty-six thousand dollars;

At \$2,400 each.

Twenty-five assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, sixty thousand dollars;

Ten superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand five hundred dollars each, twenty-five thousand dollars;

Thirty superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand six hundred dollars each, seventy-eight thousand dollars;

Twenty superintendents of delivery and superintendents of mails, at two thousand seven hundred dollars each, fifty-four thousand dollars; One auditor, New York, three thousand dollars;

One auditor, Chicago, three thousand dollars;

One superintendent of money-order division, one superintendent of registry, one superintendent of mails, and one superintendent of delivery, at three thousand two hundred dollars each; one superintendent of money-order division, one superintendent of registry, one superintendent of mails, and one superintendent of delivery, at three thousand dollars each, twenty-four thousand eight hundred dollars;

For compensation to substitutes for clerks of first and second class post-offices on vacation, two hundred thousand dollars;

For temporary clerk hire, two hundred thousand dollars;

For separating mails at third and fourth class post-offices, one million three hundred thousand dollars;

In all, for clerk hire in post-offices, nineteen million eight hundred and thirteen thousand nine hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, allow postmasters at first-class offices to employ temporary clerks at the rate of twenty-five cents an hour during the rush or busy hours of the day.

For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, two million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third-class post-office for rent a sum in excess of four hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and light in any one year: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of post-offices of the first, second, and third classes, at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid quarterly, for a term not exceeding ten years.

For necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, cleaning, and all other matters not specifically provided for in other appropriations, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General, in his discretion, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may authorize any of the postmasters of said offices to expend the funds he may allow them for such purposes without the written consent of the Postmaster-General.

For advertising and purchase of newspapers containing official advertisements contracted for under this appropriation at first and second class post-offices, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For rental or purchase of canceling machines, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of which not more than one hundred and ninety thousand dollars shall be expended in rentals of machines: *Provided*, That no canceling machine shall be rented at an annual rental exceeding the rate now paid by the Department: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General shall, whenever in his opinion it is advisable, purchase canceling machines, and shall report fully to the next Congress in regard to said machines, whether they should be purchased or rented, all facts connected therewith, and what steps ought to be taken to protect the interests of the Government therein.

*Provided*, That five per centum of the foregoing appropriations for the salary and allowance division of the First Assistant Postmaster-

At \$2,500 each.

At \$2,600 each.

At \$2,700 each.

Auditors.

Superintendents.

Substitutes.

Temporary clerks.

Separating mails.

Total clerk hire.

*Proviso.*  
Temporary clerks during busy hours.

Rent, light, and fuel.  
*Proviso.*  
Limit, third-class offices.

Leases for ten years.

Miscellaneous.

*Proviso.*  
Expenditures without written consent.

Advertising, etc.

Canceling machines.

*Proviso.*  
Limit of rental.

Report on advisability of purchase, etc.

Interchangeable expenditures.

- General's bureau may be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects named, but no one item of the appropriations shall thereby be increased more than five per centum.
- Assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division.** For compensation to seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, fourteen thousand dollars.
- Per diem, etc.** For per diem allowance for seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, ten thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.
- Free delivery. Letter carriers.** **FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE:** For pay of letter carriers in offices already established, and for substitute letter carriers, and for temporary carriers at summer resorts, holiday, election, and emergency service, nineteen million and twenty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars.
- New offices.** For pay of letter carriers in new offices entitled to free-delivery service under existing law, one hundred thousand dollars.
- Horse hire, etc.** For horse-hire or automobile allowance, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Car fare, etc.** For car fare and bicycle allowance, three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That ten per centum of the foregoing amounts for free-delivery service may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the objects named, but no one item of appropriation shall thereby be increased more than ten per centum.
- Letter-box mechanics.** For compensation to twenty-two mechanics employed exclusively in painting, repairing, and erecting street letter boxes, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each, nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Marine service, Detroit, Mich. Contract.** For marine postal service, Detroit, Michigan, four thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, enter into contract for such marine postal service for a period not exceeding ten years.
- Assistant superintendents.** For compensation to four assistant superintendents city delivery service at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, eight thousand dollars.
- Per diem.** For per diem allowance for four assistant superintendents city delivery service when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, five thousand two hundred dollars.
- Incidental expenses.** For all other incidental expenses, including letter boxes, package boxes, posts, furniture, satchels, and straps, three hundred thousand dollars.
- Special delivery.** For car fare and bicycle allowance for special-delivery messengers in emergent cases, twelve thousand dollars.
- For fees to special-delivery messengers, eight hundred thousand dollars; in all, twenty-one million three hundred and twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars.
- Rural free delivery. Division superintendents.** **RURAL FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE:** For compensation to eight division superintendents, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, nineteen thousand two hundred dollars.
- Special agents.** For compensation to twenty-five special agents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; fifteen special agents, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; fifteen special agents, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, and fifteen special agents, at one thousand three hundred dollars each, one hundred and three thousand dollars.
- Per diem.** For per diem allowance for seventy special agents of the rural free-delivery service, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, eighty-four thousand dollars.

For compensation to sixty-five route inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, and four route inspectors, at nine hundred dollars each, eighty-one thousand and six hundred dollars.

For per diem allowance for sixty-nine route inspectors of the rural free delivery service, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed three dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, sixty-two thousand and one hundred dollars.

For compensation to clerks at division headquarters: Twelve clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; ten clerks, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; ten clerks at one thousand dollars each; eight clerks at nine hundred dollars each, and six clerks at seven hundred dollars each, forty-six thousand eight hundred dollars.

For incidental expenses of special agents in charge of divisions, special agents, route inspectors, and for livery hire, and so forth, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For incidental expenses, including letter boxes, furniture, satchels, straps, badges, and so forth, two hundred thousand dollars.

For pay of letter carriers and clerks in charge of substations of rural free-delivery service, twelve million dollars: *Provided*, That not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars of the amount hereby appropriated for rural free-delivery service may be used for compensation of clerks in charge of substations.

In all, for rural free-delivery service, twelve million six hundred and twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars.

SUPPLY DIVISION: For stationery for postal service, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For wrapping twine and tying devices, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, fifteen thousand dollars.

For postmarking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, forty-five thousand dollars.

For rubber stamps and type, metal-bodied rubber type, dates, figures, and holders, and ink and pads for rubber stamps, five thousand dollars.

For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, two thousand dollars.

For printing facing slips and cutting same, card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for the postal service, and manifold books for the registry service, thirty thousand dollars.

Blanks, blank books, printed matter, metal advertising signs, twine, carbon paper, and articles pertaining to its use in the issue and payment of money orders, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That five per centum of the foregoing amount for blanks, blank books, and so forth, may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the three following items, but no one of such items shall thereby be increased more than five per centum.

Rubber and metal stamps and repairs thereto; ribbons, pads, and racks for the money-order service, eight thousand dollars.

Copying presses, typewriting machines, envelope opening and sealing machines, adding machines and repairs thereto, for use of the money-order service, twenty thousand dollars.

Exchange on drafts, stationery, and necessary miscellaneous expenses of the money-order service, fifteen thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous items in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, two thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not exceeding two hundred dollars of this amount appropriated may be used for necessary traveling expenses of the First Assistant Postmaster-General within

Route inspectors.

Per diem.

Clerks.

Incidentals.

Letter boxes, etc.

Carriers, and substation clerks.  
*Proviso.*  
Limit for clerks.

Supply division.  
Stationery.

Twine.

Wrapping paper.  
Scales, etc.

Postmarking, etc., stamps.

Rubber stamps.

Packing boxes, etc.

Printing.

Blank books, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Interchangeable expenditures.

Money-order service supplies.

Miscellaneous

*Proviso.*  
Traveling expenses.

- City directories, etc. the District of Columbia: *And provided further*, That a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars may be used for the purchase of city directories and books of reference.
- Vehicle hire. For hire of a vehicle to be under the supervision of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, six hundred dollars.
- Second Assistant Postmaster-General. OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.
- Mail transportation. Star routes. INLAND MAIL TRANSPORTATION: For inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, six million nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is authorized to provide difficult or emergency mail service in Alaska, including the establishment and equipment of relay stations, in such manner as he may think advisable, without advertising therefor.
- Proviso.*  
Alaska service.
- Steamboat routes. For inland transportation by steamboat routes, six hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars.
- Messenger service. For mail-messenger service, one million one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.
- Pneumatic tubes. For transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other similar devices, eight hundred thousand dollars.
- Wagon service. For regulation, screen, or other wagon service, nine hundred and ninety thousand dollars.
- Mail bags, etc. For mail bags, cord fasteners, label cases, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, three hundred thousand dollars.
- Locks, keys, etc. For mail locks and keys, chains, tools and machinery, and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, forty-five thousand dollars.
- Repair shop. For rent of building for a mail-bag repair shop and lock-repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen and charwomen, oil, and repair of machinery for said shops, nine thousand two hundred dollars.
- Railroad routes. For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper, mail equipment, and other supplies from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, thirty-eight million two hundred and forty-two thousand dollars.
- Post-office cars. For railway post-office car service, five million four hundred and eleven thousand dollars.
- Railway Mail Service. RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE: One General Superintendent, at four thousand dollars; one Assistant General Superintendent, at three thousand five hundred dollars; one chief clerk, office of General Superintendent, at two thousand dollars; one assistant chief clerk, office of General Superintendent, at one thousand eight hundred dollars; eleven division superintendents, at three thousand dollars each; eleven assistant division superintendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; twenty-three assistant superintendents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and twenty chief clerks, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; two hundred and twenty-five clerks, class six, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each; one thousand one hundred and sixty-one clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each; four hundred and ninety-one clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each; one thousand six hundred and forty-seven clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each; eight hundred and thirty-three clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each; three thousand seven hundred clerks, class three, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each; two thousand four hundred and fifty-six clerks, class two, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; six hundred and eighty clerks, class one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each; in all, eleven million nine hundred and



thirty-four thousand three hundred and one dollars. And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Appointments limited.

For substitutes for clerks on vacation, forty-two thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may allow railway postal clerks whose duties require them to work six days or more per week, fifty-two weeks per year, an annual vacation of fifteen days with pay.

Substitute clerks.  
*Proviso.*  
Annual vacation.

For acting clerks, in place of clerks injured while on duty, and to enable the Postmaster-General to pay the sum of one thousand dollars to the legal representatives of any railway postal clerk who shall be killed while on duty or who, being injured while on duty, shall die within one year thereafter as the result of such injury, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Acting clerks.  
Allowance in case of death.

For actual and necessary expenses of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, chief clerk office of General Superintendent, assistant chief clerk office of General Superintendent, division superintendents, assistant division superintendents, chief clerks, and railway postal clerks, while actually traveling on business of the Department and away from their several designated headquarters, twenty-one thousand dollars.

Traveling expenses.

For rent, light, fuel, telegraph, and miscellaneous office expenses, schedules of mail trains, telephone service, typewriting machines, and badges for railway postal clerks, fifty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous expenses.

For per diem allowance of assistant superintendents, twenty-seven thousand dollars: *Provided*, That assistant superintendents may receive a per diem allowance in lieu of actual and necessary traveling expenses at the rate of four dollars per day while actually traveling on business of the Department and away from their several designated headquarters.

Per diem, assistant superintendents.  
*Proviso.*  
Allowance.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, five hundred and ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the rate of compensation to be paid per mile shall not exceed the rate now paid to companies performing said service.

Street cars.  
*Proviso.*  
Rate per mile.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and forty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents: *Provided*, That no part of the appropriation made by this paragraph shall be expended unless the Postmaster-General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Special facilities.  
Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans.  
*Proviso.*  
Condition.

For continuing necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Kansas City, Missouri, to Newton, Kansas, twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended unless the Postmaster-General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Kansas City to Newton, Kans.

*Proviso.*  
Condition.

For miscellaneous items, including railway guides, city directories, and other books and periodicals necessary in connection with mail transportation, one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For transportation of foreign mails, two million five hundred and sixty-six thousand dollars, including additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship Company for transporting the mails by its steamer sailing from San Francisco to Tahiti; all mails made up in the United States destined for the island of Tahiti, forty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the sum paid the said Oceanic Steamship Company shall not exceed one dollar per mile, as authorized by Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to provide for ocean mail service between the United States and foreign ports, and to promote commerce:" *And provided further*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, to cover

Foreign mails.

Mails to Tahiti.

*Provisos.*  
Maximum.  
Vol. 26, p. 832.

Clerks on steamships.

one-half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expense of clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steamships between the United States and other postal administrations in the International Postal Union, and not exceeding forty thousand dollars for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in New York Bay to the several steamship and railway piers, and between the steamship piers in New York City and Jersey City and the post-office and railroad stations, and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in San Francisco Bay to the piers.

Transfers to piers, etc., New York and San Francisco bays.

Balance due foreign countries.

Delegate to Postal Congress.

For balances due foreign countries, one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

For compensation and expenses of United States delegate to the Universal Postal Congress to convene at Rome, Italy, not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Stamps.

For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps and books of stamps, three hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, twelve thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes, etc.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, seven hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, and expenses of agency, twenty thousand dollars.

Postal cards.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and eighty-nine thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agents and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, eighteen thousand dollars.

Official envelopes.

For registered-package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars.

Ship, etc., letters.

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

Indemnity for lost registered mail.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of first-class registered matter, twelve thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General may increase the amount of indemnity provided for in Act of February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, an Act amendatory of section thirty-nine hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, to not exceeding one hundred dollars.

*Proviso.*  
Maximum amount.

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R. S., sec. 3926, p. 762.

Blanks, etc.

For blanks, books, and printed matter of urgent or special character, including the preparation, publication, and free distribution to the public of a pamphlet containing general postal information, and for metallic advertising signs, intaglio seals, and other miscellaneous items of immediate necessity for the registry system, twenty thousand dollars.

Special counsel, second-class mail privilege suits.

For the employment of special counsel to be appointed by the Attorney-General, when requested by the Postmaster-General, and at compensation to be fixed by the Attorney-General not exceeding this temporary appropriation, to prosecute and defend, on behalf of the Post-Office Department, all suits now pending or which may hereafter arise affecting the second-class mailing privilege, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

*Proviso.*

Traveling expenses.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not exceeding two hundred dollars of this amount appropriated may be used for necessary traveling expenses of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General within the District of Columbia.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inspectors.

**SALARIES OF POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS:** For salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions, at two thousand five hundred dollars each;

six inspectors, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand dollars each; seventy inspectors, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; sixty inspectors, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, and thirty inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, three hundred and forty-seven thousand six hundred and fifty dollars.

For per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on business of the Department, one hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow post-office inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on business away from home, or their designated domicile, for a period not exceeding twenty consecutive days at any one place, and may make rules and regulations governing the foregoing provisions relating to per diem: *And provided further*, That no per diem shall be paid to inspectors receiving annual salaries of two thousand dollars or more.

For salaries of clerks at division headquarters, miscellaneous expenses at division headquarters, traveling expenses of inspectors without per diem, and of inspectors in charge, expenses incurred by field inspectors not covered by per diem allowance, and traveling expenses of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General and chief post-office inspector, ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided*, That of the amount herein appropriated not to exceed two thousand dollars may be expended, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of securing information concerning violations of the postal laws, and for services and information looking toward the apprehension of criminals.

For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That ten per centum of the foregoing amounts appropriated for service in the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the objects named, but no one item of appropriation shall thereby be increased more than ten per centum.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That section six of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. That to provide for the payment of such persons as may be employed for this service, the postmaster at any office designated by section three of this Act shall keep a record of the number of letters received at such office bearing such special stamp, which number shall correspond with the number entered in the receipt books heretofore specified, and at the end of each month he may pay to such person or persons employed a sum not exceeding eighty per centum of the face value of all such stamps received and recorded during that month: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall interfere with the prompt delivery of letters as now provided by law or regulations of the Post-Office Department."

SEC. 3. That so much of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three," approved April twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two, as relates to malicious injury or destruction of mail boxes, or the contents of such boxes, on any rural free-delivery route, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Whoever shall willfully or maliciously injure, tear down, or destroy any letter box or other receptacle established by order of the Post-

Per diem.

*Proviso.*  
Allowance.

Limit.

Miscellaneous.

*Proviso.*  
Obtaining information, etc.

Rewards, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Interchangeable expenditures.

Miscellaneous.  
Special delivery.  
Vol. 23, p. 388,  
amended.

Payment for delivery.

Allowance increased.

Rural free-delivery boxes, etc.

*Ante*, p. 113, amended

Offense of injury to letter boxes extended to all mail routes.

master-General, or approved or designated by him, for the receipt or delivery of mail matter on any rural free-delivery route, star route, or other mail route, or shall break open the same, or willfully or maliciously injure, deface, or destroy any mail matter deposited therein, or shall willfully take or steal such matter from or out of such letter box or other receptacle, or shall willfully aid or assist in any of the aforementioned offenses, shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than three years."

Special delivery  
messengers.  
Official character.

SEC. 4. That every special-delivery messenger, when actually engaged in carrying or delivering letters or other mail matter under contract, directly or indirectly, with the Post-Office Department, or employed by the Post-Office Department, shall be deemed a carrier or person intrusted with the mail and having custody thereof within the meaning of sections thirty-eight hundred and sixty-nine, thirty-nine hundred and ninety-five, fifty-four hundred and seventy-two, and fifty-four hundred and seventy-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

R. S., secs. 3869, 3995,  
5472, 5473, pp. 755, 772,  
1061.

Punishment for en-  
tering mail cars, etc.

SEC. 5. Whoever by violence enters a railway post-office car or any apartment in any railway car assigned to the use of the Railway Mail Service, or who willfully or maliciously assaults a railway postal clerk in the discharge of his duties in connection with such car or apartment, and whoever willfully aids or assists therein, shall for every such offense be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than three years.

Clerks to sign war-  
rants and drafts.

SEC. 6. Hereafter the Postmaster-General may from time to time designate any officer of the Post-Office Department above the grade of fourth-class clerk to sign warrants, and "collection" and "transfer" drafts, in his stead, and such warrants and drafts when so signed shall be of the same validity as if they had been signed by the Postmaster-General.

No payments to  
permanently incapaci-  
tated persons.

SEC. 7. That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks, and persons employed in the postal service shall not be available for the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for performing such service. The establishment of a civil pension roll or an honorable service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks, and persons in the postal service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service, is hereby prohibited.

Prohibition of civil  
pension roll, etc.

Appropriations to  
meet deficiencies.

SEC. 8. That if the revenues of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this Act, a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenues for the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four.

Remailing third  
and fourth class mat-  
ter.

SEC. 9. That third and fourth class mail matter shall not be remailed to sender until the proper postage has been fully prepaid on the same: *Provided*, That in all cases when undelivered mail matter of the third and fourth class is of obvious value, the sender, if known, shall be given the opportunity of prepaying the return postage or accepting delivery to himself or upon his order, at the office where it is held, upon the payment of one cent postage for each card notice given him, under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe.

*Proviso.*  
Notice to sender.

Payment.

Approved, March 3, 1903.