

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act establishing certain Post Routes, and for other Purposes.*

May 29, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be established as post routes :

In Texas. — From New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, to Galveston, in Texas, by water.

Certain post routes in Texas established.

From Galveston to Houston, by water.

From Galveston, by San Luis and Velasco, to Matagorda.

From Galveston, to Corpus Christi, by water.

From Galveston, by Chambersia, John's, and Liberty, to Swartwout.

From Galveston, by Garner's, to Beaumont.

From Velasco, by Brazoria, Columbia, Orozimbo, Big Creek, Richmond, San Felipe, Centre Hill, and Cedar Creek, to Washington.

From Matagorda, by Caney, Preston, Peach Creek, Egypt, and Columbus, to Lagrange.

From Houston, by Hamblin's and Arnold's, to Washington.

From Houston, by Hodges' Bend, Richmond, Damon's Mills, Egypt, and Texana, to Victoria.

From Houston, by Croft's, to Montgomery.

From Washington, by Independence, Brenham, Sieper's, Shelby's, and Rutersville, to Lagrange.

From Washington, by Fanthorp's, Rusk, Montgomery, Lone Oak, Collard's, Huntsville, and Cincinnati, to Crockett.

From Washington, by Boonville, Wheelock, and Franklin, to Falls of Brassos.

From Fanthorp's, by Mitchell's, Leona Mills, Alabama, and Mustang Prairie, to Crockett.

From Huntsville, by McGee's, Rankin's, Swartwout, Hardin's, Criswell, Hooker's, Wilson's, Ratcliff's, Town Bluff, Jasper, and Williams, to Sabinetown.

From Crockett, by Masters', Mount Airy, Douglass, Nacogdoches, Melrose, and Flournoy's to San Augustine.

From Nacogdoches, by Wooten's, Henderson, and Walker's, to Marshall.

From San Augustine, by Shelbyville, Hilliard's, Mount Mourn, and Parry's, to Marshall.

From San Augustine, by Milam, Sabinetown, to Fort Jesup, Louisiana.

From Marshall by Jefferson, Hughes, Dangerfield, Wevers, and Durham, to Boston.

From Marshall, by Port Caddo, to Greenwood, Louisiana.

From Boston, by Mooresville, to Fulton, Arkansas, and from Pine Bluff's, in Jefferson county, to Warren, in Bradley county, in Arkansas.

From Boston, by De Kalb, Savannah, Clarksville, Blossom Prairie, Paris, and Honey Grove, to Bonham.

From Bonham, by McGarra's, Dallas, and Chamber's Creek, Falls of Brassos, to Austin.

From Independence, by Mound Prairie, Caldwell, and Dilliard's, to Nashville.

From Lagrange, by Miller's, Cunningham's, Mount Pleasant, Bas-trop, Smithwick, and Columbus, to Austin.

From Austin to Gonzales.

From Gonzales, by Seguin and New Braunfels, to San Antonio.

From Clarksville to Fort Towson.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to continue in operation such portions of

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tinue present
mail service in
Texas.

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the present mail service in Texas, established under its former laws, upon any of the foregoing routes, as he may deem expedient, — not, however, for a longer period than the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty, — and to make contracts for the appropriate mail service on any of the foregoing routes, either without advertisement, where the same can be effected at rates of compensation not exceeding the average prices for like service in the other States of this Union, or upon advertisements for a less period than twelve weeks, as he shall deem best for the public interests.

Postmaster-
General may pay
mail contractors
in Texas for ser-
vice performed.

Compensation.

Postmasters to
account to U. S.

Postmasters in
Texas to account
for and pay over
to the Postmas-
ter-General all
balances, &c.

Rates of pos-
tage to be the
same as in other
States.

P. O. Laws ex-
tended to Texas.

Repeal of Act
of 1846, ch. 6, es-
tablishing post
routes in Texas.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay mail contractors in Texas for service duly performed by them since the sixteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and also officers employed in superintending the mail service: *Provided, however*, That such payment shall in no case exceed the compensation agreed upon with the late authorities of Texas: *Provided, also*, That the several postmasters in Texas, appointed by the late government of Texas, shall duly account to and pay over to the Postmaster-General of the United States all balances accruing at their offices, respectively, from and after said sixteenth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-six; that is, all money collected, or to be collected, for postages at their offices, respectively, after deducting the commissions allowed by the law to postmasters in the United States. And it is hereby enacted and declared to be the duty of said persons and postmasters as aforesaid, in Texas, to account for and pay over to said Postmaster-General of the United States all said balances, in the manner and to the extent required by the laws of the United States of the several postmasters in the United States; and the like remedies and means of collecting, and enforcing collection, by suit or otherwise, of said balances, are hereby granted, as now exist by law against the postmasters of the United States. The same rates of postage are to be charged and collected in Texas as in other States of this Union; and all laws concerning the post-office department, and regulations thereof, are hereby declared to have full effect and operation in said State from and after said sixteenth of February aforesaid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the act establishing certain post routes in Texas, approved the sixth of February, anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-six, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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July term of
U. S. Courts in
Ohio to be held
on 3d Monday of
July, annually.

Provision for
actions, &c., now
pending.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act in Relation to the July Term of the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Ohio.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the July term of the Circuit and District Courts of the United States, in the District of Ohio, shall hereafter be held on the third Monday of July, annually: *Provided*, That all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, processes, writs, and proceedings whatever, pending or which may be pending in said courts, or returnable to the term as it now exists, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and disposed of, at the term as fixed by this act.

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