

the officers and crews of the vessels of the navy shall be paid to them under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and the law authorizing the appointment of prize agents is hereby repealed.

No prize agents to be appointed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

CHAP. CIV. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post Office Department for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

March 3, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of the said department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, viz.:

1836, ch. 270.

For transportation of the mails within the United States, two millions five hundred and forty thousand dollars.

Transportation of mails, \$2,540,000.

For transportation of the mails in four steamships, at one hundred thousand dollars each per year, from New York to Bremen, by way of Southampton, under the contract made with the Ocean Steam Navigation Company, of New York, in addition to the sum of three hundred and eighty-three thousand six hundred and nine dollars of former appropriations for the same object, which it is estimated will remain unexpended on the thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and forty-nine, sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-one dollars.

Transportation of mails, by steam ships, \$16,391.

For transportation of the mails between Charleston, South Carolina, and Havana, by way of Key West, calling at Savannah, under the contract made with M. C. Mordecai, fifty thousand dollars; and for transportation of the mail by said line, or by other steamers, to such other places on the coast of Florida as the Postmaster-General may deem practicable and expedient, five thousand dollars.

\$50,000.

\$5000.

For compensation of postmasters, one million two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Compensation to postmasters, \$1,220,000.

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

Ship, steamboat, and way-letters, \$30,000.

For wrapping paper, twenty-two thousand dollars.

Wrapping paper, \$22,000.

For office furniture, (in the offices of postmasters,) three thousand dollars.

Office furniture, \$3000.

For advertising, fifty thousand dollars.

Advertising, \$50,000.

For mail bags, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mail bags, \$25,000.

For blanks, twenty-one thousand dollars.

Blanks, \$21,000.

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

Mail locks, &c., \$6000.

For the detection and prevention of mail depredations and for special agents, including the two agents for Oregon and California, twenty thousand dollars.

Mail depredations and special agents, \$20,000.

For clerks for offices, (the offices of postmasters,) two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Clerks, \$260,000.

For miscellaneous, sixty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous, \$60,000.

That the better to enable the postal treaty with Great Britain to go into full effect with equal advantage to both countries, letters shall be mailed as composing one rate only where the letter does not exceed the weight of a half ounce avoirdupois; where it exceeds a half ounce, but does not exceed an ounce, as composing two rates; where it exceeds an ounce, but does not exceed two ounces, as composing four rates; where it exceeds two ounces, but [does] not exceed three ounces, as composing six rates; where it exceeds three ounces, but does not exceed four ounces, as composing eight rates; and in like progression for each additional ounce, or fraction of an ounce, and that each rate

Rates of letters transported under the postal treaty with Great Britain.

shall be subject to the full postage charge; that letters refused, or which cannot be delivered, may be immediately returned to the dead letter office, and that newspapers not sent from the office of publication shall be charged with the same postage as other papers, to be prepaid.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

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CHAP. CV. — *An Act making Appropriations for Lighthouses, Lightboats, Buoys, &c., and providing for the Erection and Establishment of the same, and for other Purposes.*

Appropriation for lighthouses, light-boats, buoys, &c.

Proviso, as to cases where title cannot be obtained.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following appropriations be, and the same are hereby, made, and directed to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to carry the provisions of this act into effect: *Provided, however,* If a good title to any land which it may be necessary to use cannot be obtained on reasonable terms, or the exclusive right to such land cannot be acquired by cession, where the interest of the United States demands it, before the appropriation would by law fall into the surplus fund, in any and all such cases the appropriations shall be applicable to the objects for which they are made, at any time within two years after the first meeting of the legislature subsequent to the passage of this act, in any State wherein any such land may be situated, to wit:

\$3000.

In Maine. — For thirteen spar buoys and three beacons in Casco Bay, three thousand dollars.

\$3500.

For a lighthouse at Gilkey's Harbor, three thousand five hundred dollars.

\$3500.

For a lighthouse at Beauchamp Point, or on the opposite side of the harbor, in the town of Camden, three thousand five hundred dollars.

\$750.

For a fog-bell at the lighthouse on Libby's Island, seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Massachusetts,
\$25,000.

Massachusetts. — For a screw-pile beacon, or other practicable structure, on the south shoal off Nantucket, lately discovered by the survey of the coast, twenty-five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Bureau of Topographical Engineers.

\$1000.

For six large buoys on the shoals off Nantucket, one thousand dollars.

\$12,500.

For a light-boat on Pollock Rip, off Chatham, twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

New York.

\$10,000.

New York. — For a light boat on Horse Shoe Reef, Niagara River, ten thousand dollars; or for the erection of a light-house instead thereof, if, after the survey herein provided for, it shall be deemed more advisable, twenty thousand dollars.

\$20,000.

\$300.

For four spar buoys, to mark the channel from the aforesaid shoal to Bird Island, three hundred dollars.

\$10,000.

For a beacon on the south-east part of Romer Shoal, in the lower bay of New York, ten thousand dollars.

\$200.

For three spar buoys in Buttermilk Channel, two hundred dollars.

\$400.

For four additional spar buoys in the lower bay of New York, at such points as may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, four hundred dollars.

New Jersey.
\$5000.

New Jersey. — For a lighthouse on the rocks at Bergen Point, five thousand dollars.

\$300.

For five spar buoys at Thom's River, three hundred dollars.

\$300.

For five spar buoys at Barnegat Inlet, three hundred dollars.

\$5000.

For a lighthouse at the mouth of the Passaic River, five thousand dollars.