five thousand dollars per annum; such rate to take effect in virtue of this provision from July first, eighteen hundred and fifty-three;

1853, ch. 97.

Additional clerks in the offices of Register of Treasury and Commissioner of Pensions.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, there shall be, in addition to the clerks authorized by the third section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled, "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four," in the office of the Register of the Treasury, three clerks of class three, to include the clerk now authorized to take charge of the redemption of stocks, and in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, in lieu of the temporary clerks now employed therein, five clerks of class two, and fifteen clerks of class three; and said clerks shall be paid, according to the provisions of said section, until the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated;

How paid.

Part of section 7, ch. 91, 1852, repealed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the portion of the seventh section of the act of twenty-sixth August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An act to provide for executing the public printing and establishing the prices thereof, and for other purposes," which provides "that when any documents shall be ordered to be printed by both houses of Congress, the entire printing of such documents shall be done by the printer of that house which first ordered the same," is hereby repealed; and when there are different printers for the respective houses, each shall do the printing which may hereafter be ordered by the house electing him.

By which printer the printing is to be done.

APPROVED, May 31, 1854.

June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXI. — *An Act regulating the Pay of Deputy-Postmasters.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in place of the compensation now allowed deputy-postmasters, the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby authorized to allow them commissions at the following rates on the postage collected at their respective offices in each quarter of the year, and in due proportion for any period less than a quarter, viz:

Commissions allowed to Deputy-Postmasters instead of present compensation.

1853, ch. 146, § 6.

Sixty per cent.

On any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars sixty per cent; but any postmaster at whose office the mail is to arrive regularly, between the hours of nine o'clock at night and five o'clock in the morning, may be allowed seventy per cent. on the first hundred dollars;

Seventy per cent.

Fifty per cent.

On any sum over and above one hundred dollars, and not exceeding four hundred dollars, fifty per cent.;

Forty per cent.

On any sum over and above four hundred dollars, but not exceeding twenty-four hundred dollars, forty per cent.;

Fifteen per cent.

And on all sums over twenty-four hundred dollars, fifteen per cent.;

Twelve and one half per cent.

On the amount of postage on letters and packages received at a distributing office for distribution, twelve and one-half per cent. commission may be allowed;

One cent for free letters.

Every postmaster whose compensation shall not exceed five hundred dollars in one quarter, shall be allowed one cent on every free letter delivered out of his office, except such as are for the postmaster himself.

Exception.

But the special allowance now made by law, to the postmasters at New Orleans and Washington City, shall not otherwise be either increased or diminished;

Ten cents for return of register.

Each postmaster who shall be required to keep a register of the arrival and departure of the mails, shall be allowed ten cents for each monthly return which he makes to the Postmaster-General;

Two mills for newspaper not chargeable with postage.

Each postmaster may be allowed two mills for the delivery from his office to a subscriber of each newspaper not chargeable with postage:

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Provided, That to any postmaster of a distributing office at which the commissions, allowances, and emoluments, since the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, have been insufficient to defray actual and necessary expenses, and afford the postmaster the annual compensation derived from commissions at the office before said thirty-first of March, the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow quarterly, from the date aforesaid, out of the postages collected at any such office, an amount sufficient to supply such deficiency: *Provided further*, That to any postmaster of a separating office whose commissions, allowances and emoluments may be found insufficient to provide the extra labor necessary to a prompt and efficient performance of the duties of separating and despatching the mails passing through his office, the Postmaster-General may make such quarterly allowance, out of the postages collected at such office, as he may deem sufficient to compensate such extra labor: *Provided further*, That the commissions and allowances authorized by this act shall be subject to the provisions of the forty-first section of the act entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post-Office Department;" *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, dispose of any quarterly returns of mails sent or received, which were made up previous to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty, preserving the accounts current, and all vouchers accompanying such accounts, and use such portion of the proceeds thereof as may be necessary to defray the cost of separating and disposing of the same. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the commencement of the next fiscal quarter after its passage.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Provided further.

1825, ch. 64.

Provided further.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act to authorize the Selection of School Districts in lieu of the Sixteenth Sections within the Twelve Miles Square Reservation, State of Alabama.*

June 22, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the school commissioners of township six south, range one east, townships five and six south, range two east, and townships five and six south, range three east, Huntsville District, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby, authorized to select, respectively, by legal subdivisions, from any of the surveyed public lands, the quantity as near as may be, contained in the sixteenth sections of said townships, within the Twelve Miles Square Reservation; which selections, upon being approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be holden by the same tenure, and upon the same terms, for the support of schools in such townships, as the sections numbered sixteen, within the said reservation would have been, had not treaty stipulation made other disposition thereof.

School Commissioners of certain townships in Huntsville district authorized to select school districts in Twelve Miles Square Reservation.

1845, ch. 25.

How held.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act confirming certain Land Claims in Louisiana, in the Bastrop Grant.*

June 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such of the claims entered in the report dated thirtieth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, of the register and receiver at Monroe, Louisiana, as in their opinion ought to be confirmed, according to the principles recognized in the act of Congress of the third March, eighteen hundred and forty-one, pursuant to which the said report was made, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed for the extent and under the limitations referred to in the opinions of the said officers.

The confirmation of such land claims as in the opinion of the register and receiver at Monroe ought to be confirmed.

Act of March 3, 1841, ch. 26.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmation by this act