Salary of the secretaries.

increased to the sum of three thousand dollars; and that of the Secretaries of Oregon, Washington, Utah, and New Mexico, to the sum of two thousand dollars per annum.

Salary of chief justice and associate judges of Minnesota.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the annual salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Judges of the Territory of Minnesota be increased to two thousand dollars.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of Invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.*

Appropriation.

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 not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five;

For invalid pensions, under various acts, three hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars;

1836, ch. 362.

For pensions to widows and orphans, under acts of the fourth of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, and twenty-first of July,

1848, ch. 108.

one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, ninety-six thousand dollars;

1838, ch. 189.

For pensions to widows, under acts of the seventh of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, third of March, one thousand eight

1843, ch. 102.

hundred and forty-three, and seventeenth of June, one thousand eight

1844, ch. 102.

hundred and forty-four, ten thousand dollars;

1848, ch. 8.

For pensions to widows, under acts of the second of February, one

1848, ch. 120.

thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and twenty-ninth of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, fifty-six thousand dollars;

1853, ch. 41.

For pensions and half-pay to widows and orphans, under act of the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, three hundred and seventy-six thousand two hundred dollars.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CIX. — *An Act making Provision for the Postal Service in the State of California and in the Territories of Oregon and Washington.*

Letter-carriers for delivery of letters from any post-office — appointment and powers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to empower the special agents of the Post-Office Department in the State of California, and in the Territories of Oregon and Washington, to appoint letter-carriers for the delivery of letters from any post-office in the said State or Territories, and to allow any letter-carrier so appointed to demand and receive a sum for all letters, newspapers, or other mailable matter, not more than may be recommended by the postmaster for whose office such letter-carrier may be

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appointed: *Provided*, That not more than twenty-five cents shall be charged for any letter, newspaper, or ounce of other mailable matter. All such appointments may be determined, and rates of compensation modified within the limits aforesaid, whenever the same is found expe-

Further proviso.

dient in the opinion of the appointing agent: *And it is further provided*, That all such appointments and contracts shall be subject to the approval of the Postmaster-General; and upon notice to any carrier of his rejection by the Postmaster-General, his appointment and contract shall be determined; and that all the letter-carriers appointed in pursuance of this act shall be subject to the provisions of the forty-first section of the

1836, ch. 270.

act entitled "An act to change the organization of the Post-Office Department, and to provide more effectually for the settlement of the accounts thereof," approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six,

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