mation by the President of the United States, declaring that he has satisfactory evidence that the said Province has consented, in a due and proper manner, to have the provisions of the treaty extended to it, and to allow the United States the full benefits of all the stipulations therein contained.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

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CHAP. CCLXX.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.*

Appropriations.

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 for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, 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:

For transportation of the mails, five million two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;

For compensation to postmasters, two millions of dollars;

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty-five thousand dollars;

For wrapping paper, fifty-five thousand dollars;

For office furniture in the post-offices, eight thousand dollars;

For advertising, eighty-five thousand dollars;

For mail bags, fifty-five thousand dollars;

For blanks, sixty-five thousand dollars;

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, twenty-five thousand dollars;

For mail depredations and special agents, sixty thousand dollars;

For clerks in the offices of postmasters, five hundred and sixty thousand dollars;

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, fifty-five thousand dollars;

For miscellaneous items, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars;

For compilation of post routes, as contained in the bill passed at the present session of Congress establishing routes, one thousand dollars;

Purchase of patent of clam-shell padlock.

To enable the Postmaster-General to purchase the patent of the clam-shell padlock, should he be of opinion the public service requires it, the sum of five thousand dollars;

For a compilation of post-routes as contained in the bill passed at the present session of Congress establishing routes, one thousand dollars;

To enable the Postmaster-General to purchase the patent of the clam-shell padlock, should he be of opinion the public service requires it, the sum of five thousand dollars.

Appropriation for deficiency of revenue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding two million three hundred and forty-four thousand four hundred and sixty-four dollars, to supply any deficiency that may arise in the revenues of the Post-Office Department to meet the foregoing appropriations for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Mail service between Charleston, Key West, and Havana.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General be authorized and directed to continue the mail service between Charleston, Key West, and Havana, during August and September, by a competent steamer, as it is now being performed during ten months of the year; and that to enable him to do so, ten thousand dollars are hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Compensation of postmaster and clerks at Washington.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be allowed and paid to the postmaster of Washington city, District of Columbia, out of any

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money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a commission of one mill per pound upon the agregate weight of public documents printed by order of Congress and deposited in the office of said postmaster, to be mailed; this allowance to commence with the passage of this act and to continue for one year only, and to be computed from the ascertained weight for the month of January eighteen hundred and fifty-four. And that the said postmaster be required to pay out of the said commissions to the clerks and other employees of his office a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars each, per annum, as compensation for the extra labor performed by them in the assortment and mailing of said documents; and that he be required to account for, and settle with the Post-Office Department, for the disbursement of these commissions, and any surplus that may remain, in the same manner as is now required in the settlement of his other accounts. 1855, ch. 201, § 2.

Mail service on the Mississippi, Cairo to New Orleans, and from Keokuk to Galena.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be authorized and directed to establish a mail on the Mississippi River, from Cairo to New Orleans, and from Keokuk, Iowa, to Galena, in Illinois, and that he contract for the same in one line or in such divisions or sections or both as may be most compatible with the public service, and to facilitate the execution of this section the Postmaster-General may make immediate temporary arrangements for carrying said mail by the trip, and if he fails to obtain acceptable bids after advertising for thirty days, he may make private contracts for carrying said mail, and the said mail shall be carried daily from Cairo to New Orleans; but the Postmaster-General is authorized at his discretion to restrict the delivery of the mail at all other points than Cairo, Memphis, Napoleon, Vicksburg, Natchez, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, to three mails a week each way. *Provided*, Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair the rights of parties heretofore contracting for said service.

Approved, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

Chap. CCLXXI. — *An Act to establish certain Additional Post Roads.*

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 roads:

Mississippi.

In Mississippi. — From Grenada to a point on Tallahatcha River, near Dudley S. Bennett's plantation. From Philadelphia to Pensacola.

Louisiana.

In Louisiana. — From Greensburg to a point intersecting the railroad from New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi, at or near the house of Benjamin Weil.

Virginia.

In Virginia. — From Muddy Creek, in Preston county, via Greensburg, Cranesville, Old Lang run, and Accidence, to Addison in Maryland.

Texas.

In Texas. — From Johnson's Station, via Fort Worth, to Fort Belknap.

Iowa.

In Iowa. — From Fort Madison, via West Point and Big Mound, to Keosauqua.

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Chap. CCLXXIII. — *An Act to Repeal the first proviso of the fourth section of the Act entitled, "An act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.*

[Same act as Chap. 248 ante, p. 576.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of the fourth section of the act entitled "An act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States," approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, August 5, 1854.