PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1859, *and ended on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of June, A. D.* 1860.

JAMES BUCHANAN, President. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. WILLIAM PENNINGTON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. *An Act making Appropriations to defray the Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal Year ending the 30th of June,* 1859, *and in Part for the Support of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal Year ending the 30th June,* 1860. Feb. 15, 1860.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four million two hundred and ninety-six thousand and nine dollars and twenty-six cents is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of supplying the deficiency in the revenues and defraying the expenses of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine. Deficiency appropriation for Post-Office Department for year ending June 30, 1859.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That towards the support of the Post-Office Department, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty, the sum of four millions of dollars, payable out of any money in the treasury arising from the revenues of the Post-Office Department, is hereby appropriated, and the further sum of two millions four hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, payable out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, said sums to be expended in conformity with the provisions of the act of the second day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, in the payment exclusively of compensation to postmasters and clerks in their offices, mail depredations and special agents, and for the transportation of the mails, for wrapping paper, mail bags, blanks and paper for the same, mail locks, keys, and stamps, postage stamps and stamped envelopes. Appropriations for Post-Office Department for year ending June 30, 1860.

For what to be expended.

1836, ch. 270. Vol. v. p. 80.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That interest at the rate of six per cent., per annum, to commence sixty days after the expiration of the quarter in which the service was rendered, but in no case prior to the first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, to the date of the approval of this act, shall be paid on all sums found due to the contractors for carrying the mail, and that a sum sufficient to pay the same be and is hereby appropriated out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That such interest shall be payable Interest to be paid on certain sums found due contractors for services since May 1, 1859.

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To be paid only to the contractors, and to be in full for all damages, &c.

only to the contractors themselves; and the same is hereby declared to be in full of all damages by reason of failure or delay in payment; and the same shall be receipted for accordingly. But no interest shall be allowed on payments for the last quarter, ending the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

Appropriation for temporary clerks.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby, appropriated, for the services of temporary clerks in expediting the payment of creditors of the Post-Office Department.

Post-office blanks to be printed by contract, to be awarded to lowest bidder.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of the public printing be required to procure the printing of the post-office blanks by contract, after thirty days' public notice, and to award said contract for the usual period of post-office contracts, to the bidder who offers to print said blanks at the greatest per centum deduction from the prices authorized to be paid by law for the printing of the Executive Departments; and that all laws, or parts of laws, now in force, in relation to the printing of post bills or post-office blanks, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of former laws.

APPROVED, February 15, 1860.

March 2, 1860.

CHAP. II.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Payment of invalid and other Pensions of the United States for the Year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Invalid pensions.

For invalid pensions, under various acts, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Pensions to widows.
1836, ch. 362.
1838, ch. 189.
1843, ch. 102.
1844, ch. 102.
1848, ch. 8.
1848, ch. 120.
1853, ch. 41.

For pensions to widows of those who served in the Revolutionary war, under the third section of the act of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the acts of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, third March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, second February, and twenty-ninth July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and second section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, two hundred thousand dollars.

Widows and orphans.
1848, ch. 108.

For pensions to widows and orphans, under first section act fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, act of twenty-first July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, first section act of third February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and under special acts, sixty thousand dollars.

Navy invalid pensions.

For navy invalid pensions, forty-three thousand dollars.

Navy pensions.
1848, ch. 155.

For navy pensions to widows and orphans, under act of eleventh August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Privateer invalids.

For privateer invalids, one thousand dollars.

APPROVED, March 2, 1860.

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CHAP. III.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Registers to Schooners Helen Blood and Sarah Bond of Oswego, in the State of New York.*

Registers to be issued to schooners Helen Blood and Sarah Bond.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue registers to the owners of schooners Helen Blood and Sarah Bond of Oswego, in the State of New York, the said vessels having been built in Canada: *Provided*,

Proviso.

The Secretary shall be satisfied that the owners of said schooners are citizens of the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1860.