Armament of fortifications. For armament of fortifications, two million five hundred thousand dollars.

Ordnance service. For the current expenses of the ordnance service, nine hundred thousand dollars.

Ordnance stores, supplies. For ordnance, ordnance stores, and supplies, including horse equipments for all mounted troops, six million five hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

Manufacture of arms. For the manufacture of arms at the national armory, two million eight hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Repairs, &c. at National armory. For repairs and improvements and new machinery at the national armory at Springfield, Massachusetts, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Gunpowder and lead. For the purchase of gunpowder and lead, two million four hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Arsenals. For additions to and extensions of shop room, machinery, tools, and fixtures, at arsenals, five hundred thousand dollars.

Purchase, &c., of arms, ordnance, &c. For purchase and manufacture of arms for volunteers and regulars, and ordnance and ordnance stores, fourteen million nine hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Military defences. For surveys of military defences, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Purchase, &c. of instruments. For purchase and repair of instruments, ten thousand dollars.

Charts of lake surveys. For printing charts of lake surveys, fifteen thousand dollars.

Survey of lakes. For continuing the survey of the northern and northwestern lakes, including Lake Superior, one hundred and six thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars.

Signal service. For the signal service of the United States army, one hundred and fifteen thousand eight hundred and ninety-one dollars.

Deficiency for signal service. For deficiency for signal service for the United States army for the year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, twelve thousand two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

No money to be paid as salary in any office, unless authorized, &c., nor to any person appointed to fill certain vacancies. Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no money shall be paid from the Treasury of the United States to any person acting or assuming to act as an officer, civil, military, or naval, as salary in any office, which office is not authorized by some previously existing law, unless where such office shall be subsequently sanctioned by law, nor shall any money be paid out of the Treasury, as salary, to any person appointed during the recess of the Senate, to fill a vacancy in any existing office, which vacancy existed while the Senate was in session and is by law required to be filled by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, until such appointee shall have been confirmed by the Senate.

Approved, February 9, 1863.

February 9, 1863. Chap. XXVI.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department during the Fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.*

Post-office 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, for the service of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, 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, eighteen hundred and thirty-six:—

Transportation of the mails. For transportation of the mails, (inland,) seven million two hundred and two thousand dollars.

For foreign mail transportation, four hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Ship, &c., letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, eight thousand dollars.

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For compensation to postmasters, two million four hundred and thirty thousand dollars. Postmasters and clerks.

For clerks for post-offices, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For payments to letter-carriers, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars. Letter carriers.

For compensation of blank agents and assistants, six thousand dollars. Blank agents, &c.

For wrapping paper, forty thousand dollars.

For twine, fifteen thousand dollars. Wrapping paper, twine, &c.

For office stamps, six thousand dollars.

For office furniture, three thousand dollars.

For advertising, fifty-five thousand dollars.

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hundred thousand dollars. Postage stamps, &c.

For mail depredations and special agents, seventy-five thousand dollars. Depredations and special agents.

For mail boys [bags] sixty-five thousand dollars.

For mail locks, keys, and miscellaneous items, ten thousand dollars. Mail bags, locks, &c.

For payment of balances due to foreign countries, two hundred and ten thousand dollars. Balances due foreign countries.

For miscellaneous payments, one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars; of which not exceeding four thousand dollars may be appropriated for fitting up a portion of the custom-houses at Newport, Rhode Island, and New Bedford, Massachusetts, for the use of the post-offices in said cities. Miscellaneous. Post-offices at Newport and New Bedford.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the California central route. California central route.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in case the revenues of the Post-Office Department are insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act the undrawn balances of appropriations heretofore made to supply deficiencies of that department are hereby made applicable to the payment thereof. Undrawn balances applicable to deficiencies.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of six thousand dollars be transferred from the appropriation for paper for the public printing provided for by act approved March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the Government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and additional appropriations for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," to enable the Postmaster-General to pay therefrom the compensation of the blank agents and their assistants, heretofore paid out of the appropriation for post-office blanks. Transfer of appropriation for paper, &c., to pay for blank agents, &c. 1862, ch. 41. *Ante*, p. 357.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to contract and provide for the transportation of the United States mails on the steamships running between San Francisco, California, and Victoria, Van Couver's Island, to be delivered at Crescent City and Trinidad, California, Astoria and Portland in Oregon, as often as said steamships touch at said ports named, and at Port Angelos, Washington Territory, as often as said steamships approach or pass that point going to or returning from Victoria; and that the mail service provided for by the fifth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three," shall cease on the termination of the year for which it was contracted: *Provided, nevertheless*, That the service herein provided for shall not exceed the sum of twenty-four thousand dollars per annum. Mail service by steamship between San Francisco and Victoria. Coast mail between San Francisco and Crescent City to cease. 1862, ch. 58, § 5. *Ante*, p. 382. Limit of appropriation.

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