known office of publication to bona fide subscribers, not exceeding one copy to each subscriber, nor to franked matter, to and from the intermediate points between the boundaries above named, at the usual rates: *Provided, further*, That such franked matter shall be subject to such regulations as to its transmission and delivery as the Postmaster-General shall prescribe.

Proviso.

Contracts for carrying the mails in steamships by sea between ports of the United States, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General may, if he shall deem it for the public interests, enter into contracts for any period not exceeding one year, for the transportation of the mails in steamships, by sea, between any of the ports in the United States; and that the sea-service already performed by his order on the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico be paid for out of any moneys appropriated for the service of the post-office department. Also for such service already performed upon the Pacific coast a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid for out of any moneys appropriated for the service of the post-office department.

Appropriation for Pacific coast.

Penalty for placing words "United States mail," &c. on a coach or vessel not used to carry the mail;

for advertising such coach or vessel.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall paint, print, post, or in any other manner place upon, or attach to, any steamboat or other vessel, or any stage-coach or other vehicle, which steamboat or other vessel, or stage-coach or other vehicle, is not actually used in carrying the mails of the United States, the words "United States mail," or any other words, letters or characters of like import; or if any person or persons shall give notice, either by publishing in any newspaper or otherwise, that any steamboat or other vessel, or any stage-coach or other vehicle, is used in carrying the mails of the United States, when the same is not actually so used, every person so offending or wilfully aiding or abetting therein, shall, on conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined in any sum not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars for every such offence; one half for the use of the United States and the other half to the use of the person informing and prosecuting for the same.

Part of act of 1852, ch. 113, § 8, may be suspended.

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SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to suspend the operation of so much of the eighth section of the act of the thirty-first of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, as authorizes the conveyance of letters otherwise than in the mails on any such mail routes as in his opinion the public interest may require.

APPROVED, March 25, 1864.

CHAP. XLI. — *An Act to authorize the President to negotiate a Treaty with the Klamath, Modoc, and other Indian tribes in Southeastern Oregon.* March 25, 1864.

Treaties with Indians in southeastern Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized to conclude a treaty with the Klamath, Modoc, and Snake Indians in southeastern Oregon for the purchase of the country occupied by them.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, March 25, 1864.

CHAP. XLII. — *An Act to carry into Effect the Convention with Ecuador for the mutual Adjustment of Claims.* March 28, 1864.

Pay of commissioner under convention with Ecuador.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of carrying into effect the convention with Ecuador for the mutual adjust-

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