March 3, 1865. [No. 37.] *A Resolution to purchase Mail Pouches or Boxes of Marshall Smith's Patent for the Postal Service, and for other Purposes.*

Mail-pouches, &c., of Marshall Smith's patent may be bought for postal service.

Patent for fastening mail-bags.

Resolved 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 purchase of Marshall Smith such number of mail pouches or boxes (constructed on the principle of letters-patent issued April twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and May seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to said Smith) as he may deem proper to fully test their utility and value in the postal service; and also to test a new mode of fastening mail-bags, invented by Solomon Andrews, and to secure a patent for the same, and that the expense thereof shall be paid out of any appropriation heretofore made or hereafter to be made to the Post-Office Department.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

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