and twenty-eight thousand four hundred and eleven dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the several amounts awarded by the commission appointed under and by virtue of an act of congress entitled "An act for the relief of persons for damages sustained by reason of the depredations and injuries by certain bands of Sioux Indians," approved February sixteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to the several persons, firms, estates, and corporations, respectively, to whom such amounts were awarded by said commissioners, except the following persons, estates, and firms to whom awards were made as aforesaid, to wit: Antoine Roberts, J. C. Toberer, Gilbault and Company, W. L. Sumner, G. L. Mendelsohn, D. C. Marvin, Joseph Popp, B. Heinbach, W. W. Pendergast, Louis Theobald, J. and C. M. Dailey, B. H. Randall, Louis Robert, W. H. Forbes, estate of S. B. Garvie, deceased, A. Vajen and Brother, T. I. Pierce, estate of Francis Labathe, deceased, S. A. Hooper, estate of James C. Dickenson, deceased, Henry Apple, Theodore Crone, Charles Jacobs, F. Immel, H. C. Cooper, H. D. Cunningham, Joseph Descoteau, and Henry Behnke, which last claim is numbered 366 on the books of said commissioners.

Appropriations to pay awards of damages done by the Sioux Indians.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the payment of so much of said awards made by said commissioners to the persons, firms, and estates specifically named in the first section of this act, as the Secretary of the Interior shall upon examination find to be due to them respectively, under said act approved February sixteen, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, the further sum of two hundred and forty-one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the said several claimants, or to their attorneys heretofore or hereafter duly authorized, other than those claimants specifically named in the first section of this act, the several amounts as awarded by said commissioners, and also to pay the several sums he may find due, not exceeding the amounts respectively awarded by said commissioners to the said persons, firms, and estates so specifically named.

Appropriation to pay awards to persons, &c., specially named.

Secretary of Interior to pay claimants or their attorneys.

APPROVED, May 28, 1864.

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CHAP. XCVIII. — *An Act authorizing the Establishment of Ocean Mail Steamship Service between the United States and Brazil.* May 28, 1864.

*Be it enacted 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 unite with the general post-office department of the empire of Brazil, or such officer of the government of Brazil as shall be authorized to act for that government, in establishing direct mail communication between the two countries by means of a monthly line of first-class American sea-going steamships, to be of not less than two thousand tons burden each, and of sufficient number to perform twelve round trips or voyages per annum between a port of the United States, north of the Potomac river, and Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, touching at Saint Thomas, in the West Indies, at Bahia, Pernambuco, and such other Brazilian and intermediate port or ports as shall be considered necessary and expedient: *Provided*, That the expense of the service shall be divided between the two governments; and that the United States portion thereof shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the performance of twelve round trips per annum, to be paid out of any money appropriated for the service of the post-office department.

Monthly mail communication between Brazil and the United States, by first-class sea-going steamships.

Route of voyage.

Expenses to be divided; share of the United States not to exceed, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to invite proposals for said mail steamship

Postmaster to invite proposals, and contract

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with lowest responsible bidder.

service by public advertisement for the period of sixty days in one or more newspapers published in the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, respectively, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the same for a term of ten years, to commence from the day the first steamship of the proposed line shall depart from the United States with the mails for Brazil: *Provided*, That proposals for monthly trips — that is to say, for twelve round voyages per annum, out and back — are received and accepted by him within the limit as aforesaid, from a party or parties of undoubted responsibility, possessing ample ability to furnish the steamships required for the service, and offering good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of such contract: *And provided, further*, That such proposals shall be accepted by the government of Brazil, and that distinct and separate contracts with each government, containing similar provisions, shall be executed by such accepted bidder or bidders; each government to be responsible only for its proportion of the subsidy to be paid for the service.

Proviso.

Proposals to be accepted by Brazil, &c.

Contract to go into effect before Sept. 1, 1865.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any contract which the Postmaster-General may execute under the authority of this act shall go into effect on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five; and shall, in addition to the usual stipulations of ocean mail steamship contracts, provide that the steamships offered for the service shall be constructed of the best materials and after the most approved model, with all the modern improvements adapted for sea-going steamships of the first class; and shall, before their approval and acceptance by the Postmaster-General, be subject to inspection and survey by an experienced naval constructor, to be detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, whose report shall be made to the Postmaster-General; that the two governments shall be entitled to have transported, free of expense, on each and every steamer, a mail-agent to take charge of and arrange the mail matter, to whom suitable accommodations for that purpose shall be assigned; that in case of failure from any cause to perform any of the regular monthly voyages stipulated for in the contract, a pro rata deduction shall be made from the compensation, on account of such omitted voyage or voyages; that suitable fines and penalties may be imposed for delays and irregularities in the regular performance of the service according to contract; and that the Postmaster-General shall have the power to determine the contract at any time, in case of its being underlet or assigned to any other party.

Stipulations of contract.

These steamships to be exempt from certain port-charges, &c., if, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the mail steamships employed in the service authorized by this act shall be exempt from all port-charges and custom-house dues at the port of departure and arrival in the United States: *Provided*, That a similar immunity from port-charges and custom-house dues is granted by the government of Brazil.

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CHAP. XCIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Citizens of Denver, in the Territory of Colorado.*

Certain lands in Denver may be entered, for the use of the town, at the minimum price.

1844, ch. 17, Vol. v. p. 657.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of an act of congress entitled "An act for the relief of the citizens of towns upon the lands of the United States, under certain circumstances," approved May twenty-third, eighteen hundred and forty-four, be so extended as to authorize the probate judge of Arapahoe county, in the territory of Colorado, to enter, at the minimum price, in trust for the several use and benefit of the rightful occupants of said land and the bona fide owners of the improvements thereon, according to their respective interests, the following legal subdivisions of land, or such portions thereof as are settled and actually occupied for town purposes by the town of Denver aforesaid,