

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.* March 30, 1868.

*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 June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, 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:

For inland mail transportation, including pay of route agents, postal clerks, and mail messengers, ten million five hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars.

For foreign mail transportation, four hundred and twenty thousand dollars, under the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled "An act relating to the postal laws."

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, eight thousand dollars.

For compensation to postmasters, four million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For clerks for post-offices, two million dollars.

For payments to letter-carriers, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, seventy thousand dollars.

For twine, fifteen thousand dollars.

For letter balances, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to blank agents and assistants, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For office furniture, three thousand dollars.

For advertising, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this sum shall be paid to any papers published in the District of Columbia except for advertising mail routes in Virginia and Maryland.

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For mail depredations and special agents, one hundred thousand dollars.

For mail bags and mail-bag catchers, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, thirty thousand dollars.

For payment of balances to foreign countries, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous payments, including allowances to postmasters for rent, light, fuel, fixtures, stationery, envelopes, and so forth, three hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:

For steamship service between San Francisco, Japan, and China, five hundred thousand dollars.

For steamship service between the United States and Brazil, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For steamship service between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For preparing and publishing post-route maps, twenty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if the revenues of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations of this act, then the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid

Appropriation for post-office department.

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

Inland mails.

Foreign mails. 1865, ch. 89. Vol. xiii. p. 504.

Ship, &c. letters.

Postmasters, clerks, and letter carriers.

Paper and twine.

Blank agents.

Advertising. Proviso.

Postage stamps and envelopes. Special agents.

Mail bags, locks, and keys.

Foreign balances.

Steamship service.

Japan and China.

Brazil.

Sandwich Islands.

Post-route maps.

Appropriation if revenue is deficient.

out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

APPROVED, March 30, 1868.

March 30, 1868. CHAP. XXXVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the consular and diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the Year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and for other Purposes.*

*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 objects hereafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, namely:

Envoys, ministers, and commissioners. For salaries of envoys extraordinary, ministers, and commissioners of the United States at Great Britain, France, Russia, Prussia, Spain, Austria, Brazil, Republic of Mexico, China, Italy, Chili, Peru, Portugal, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Turkey, Greece, Ecuador, United States of Columbia, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Sandwich Islands, Costa Rica, Honduras, Argentine Confederation, Paraguay, Japan, and Salvador, three hundred and one thousand dollars.

Secretaries of legation and assistants. For salaries of secretaries of legation, as follows:

At London and Paris, two thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars each.

At Saint Petersburg, Madrid, Berlin, Florence, Vienna, and Mexico, eighteen hundred dollars each.

For salaries of assistant secretaries of legation at London and Paris, three thousand dollars.

Interpreters. For salary of the interpreter to the legation to China, five thousand dollars.

For salary of the secretary of legation to Turkey, acting as interpreter, three thousand dollars.

For salary of the interpreter to the legation to Japan, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses. For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, thirty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That this sum shall be expended for purposes of foreign intercourse only.

Consulates in Turkish dominions. For expenses of the consulates in the Turkish dominions, namely: interpreters, guards, and other expenses of the consulates at Constantinople, Smyrna, Candia, Alexandria, and Beirut, two thousand five hundred dollars.

American seamen. For the relief and protection of American seamen in foreign countries, per acts of February *eighteen*, [twenty-eight] eighteen hundred and three, and February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and eleven, two hundred thousand dollars.

Rescuing seamen. For expenses which may be incurred in acknowledging the services of the masters and crew[s] of foreign vessels in rescuing citizens of the United States from shipwreck, five thousand dollars.

Blank books, stationery, &c. For the purchase of blank books, stationery, book-cases, arms of the United States, seals, presses, and flags, and for the payment of postages, and miscellaneous expenses of the consuls of the United States, including loss by exchange, thirty thousand dollars.

Office rent. For office rent for those consuls-general, consuls, and commercial agents who are not allowed to trade, including loss by exchange thereon, forty-five thousand dollars.