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July 10, 1876.

CHAP. 177.—An act to continue the provisions of an act entitled "an act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government" &c &c.

Extension of appropriation for ten days.

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 entitled "An act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government" approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six be, and the same are hereby, extended and continued in full force and effect for the period of ten days from and after the tenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and no longer.

Ante, p. 65.
Post, pp. 95, 122, 131, 168.

Approved, July 10, 1876.

July 12, 1876.

CHAP. 179.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes.

Post, p. 383.

Appropriation. Postal service.

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 seventy-seven, out of any money in the Treasury arising from the revenues of said Department, in conformity to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Mail depredations.

For mail depredations and special agents, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and not exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars of this amount may be expended for fees to United States attorneys, marshals, clerks of courts, and counsel necessarily employed by special agents of the Post-Office Department, subject to approval by the Attorney-General.

Post-route maps.

For preparation and publication of post-route maps, twenty thousand dollars; and the Postmaster General may authorize the publication and

Sale of maps.

sale of said maps to individuals at the cost thereof, the proceeds of said sales to be applied as a further appropriation for said purpose.

Advertising.

For advertising, forty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Post-

Advertisements to be posted up.

master-General shall cause advertisements of all general mail lettings of each State and Territory to be conspicuously posted up in each post-office in the State and Territory embraced in said advertisements for at least sixty days before the time of such general letting; and no other advertisement of such lettings shall be required; but this provision shall not apply to any other than general mail-lettings.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, seven million dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, three million two hundred and ninety thousand dollars; and the Postmaster General is hereby directed

Rates of compensation.

to cause a careful inquiry to be made into the rates of compensation now paid to clerks in post offices, with a view to a more equitable adjustment and reduction thereof; and if such rearrangement is practicable, to put the same in force from and after July first, eighteen hun-

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dred and seventy-six: *Provided*, That such adjustment shall in no case involve an increase over and above the present aggregate compensation as provided in this act.

Letter-carriers.

For payment to letter carriers, one million nine hundred thousand dollars. It shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to carefully in-

Reduction of service.

quire into the number of carriers employed in the several cities where the free delivery of mail matter is established, and reduce the number of carriers and the number of deliveries of the mails by such carriers for each day to the reasonable requirements of the public service.