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CHAP. 216.—An act to authorize the Barataria Ship Canal Company to construct and operate a ship canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose.

Barataria Ship-Canal Company. Right of way, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Barataria Ship Canal Company, a body corporate of the State of Louisiana, created by an act of the legislature of said State, approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be, and the same is hereby, granted the right of way through the lands and waters of the United States, to enable said company to construct and operate a ship-canal from a point at or near the city of New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the Barataria Bay, in the State of Louisiana, with power and authority to construct and maintain all necessary harbors, locks, dams, dikes, levees, and piers: *Provided*, The same shall in no manner interfere with or affect the usual and ordinary navigation of said waters where they are not confined either by piers or canal-banks constructed by said company, and necessary for the use and operation of said canal: *And provided further*, That Bayou Villars shall not be closed by said canal company.

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Rates of toll.

SEC. 2. That in the transportation of military or naval stores, troops, or munitions of war of the United States, such rates of toll only shall be charged as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War; and that the tolls or tonnage charges of said company shall not exceed one dollar per ton on the tonnage measurement of any vessel for the round trip through said canal, or half said sum for less than the round trip; and not exceeding twenty-five cents for each passenger through said canal either way: *Provided*, That vessels of five tons burden and less shall be exempt from tolls for the use of said canal when they do not pass through the locks: *And provided further*, That no tolls shall be charged on any boats or vessels navigating any of the waters on the line of said canal, which could have been navigated by such vessels had such canal not been built

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Approved, June 15, 1878.

June 17, 1878.

CHAP. 259.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

Appropriations. 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-nine, 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:

Mail depredations.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.—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: *Provided*, That hereafter the per diem pay of all special agents appointed under section forty hundred and seventeen, Revised Statutes, shall only be allowed for their actual and necessary expenses not exceeding five dollars per diem when they are actually engaged in traveling on the business of the department except such, not exceeding ten in number, as are appointed by the Postmaster-General to duty at such important points as he may designate, and nine assistant superintendents of railway mail service, who may be detailed to act as superintendents of division of railway mail service who shall each receive a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars, per annum and no more: *And provided further*, That twenty thousand dollars of this appropriation, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, may be used in paying rewards for apprehension of mail-robbers.

Pay of special agents. R. S. 4017, p. 780.

Salaries of ten agents and nine assistant superintendents of railway service.

Proviso.