

Investment of sinking funds. matters in this section mentioned, and to take steps to foreclose any mortgages or liens of the United States on any such railroad property.

SEC. 5. That the sinking-funds which are or may be held in the Treasury for the security of the indebtedness of either or all of said railroad companies may, in addition to the investments now authorized by law, be invested in any bonds of the United States heretofore issued for the benefit of either or all of said companies, or in any of the first-mortgage bonds of either of said companies which have been issued under the authority of any law of the United States and secured by mortgages of their roads and franchises, which by any law of the United States have been made prior and paramount to the mortgage, lien, or other security of the United States in respect of its advances to either of said companies as provided by law.

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CHAP. 346.—An act authorizing the employment of mail-messengers in the postal service.

Mail messengers. Employment authorized in certain cases.

*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 employ such mail-messenger service as may be necessary for the carriage of the mails in connection with railroad and steamboat service, transfer service between depots, over bridges or ferries, between post-offices, post-offices and branch offices or stations, in cases where by the laws and regulations of the Post-Office Department, railroad companies, steamboat companies, and the masters of vessels are not required to deliver into and take from the post-offices the mails carried on their lines or vessels.

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CHAP. 347.—An act providing an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit, and for other purposes.

Additional judge to be appointed, second judicial circuit.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be appointed for the second circuit, by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, in addition to the present circuit judge, another circuit judge, who shall have the same qualifications and shall have the same power and jurisdiction therein that the present circuit judge, has under existing laws, and who shall be entitled to the same compensation as the present circuit judge: *Provided,* That the applications and proceedings therein provided for by sections two thousand and eleven, two thousand and twelve, two thousand and thirteen, and two thousand and fourteen of the Revised Statutes shall be made and taken before the senior circuit judge of the second circuit; but in his absence or inability to act under said sections, or any of them, such applications and proceedings may be made and had before the junior circuit judge in said circuit.

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CHAP. 348.—An act to amend sections twenty-five hundred and thirty-three, and twenty-five hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes, and making Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, a port of entry, in place of Middletown.

Hartford, Conn., made port of entry and collection district in place of Middletown.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That paragraph three of section twenty-five hundred and thirty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States of America is hereby amended so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

R. S., sec. 2533, p. 498, amended.

“Third. The district of Hartford; to comprise the waters and shores of the towns of Saybrook, Clinton, Westbrook, Old Saybrook, Essex,