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eighty-seven, and to compare, edit, and publish such of the results of the experiments made under section two of said act by said experimental stations as he may deem necessary; and for these purposes the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to employ such assistants, clerks, and other persons as he may deem necessary: *Provided*, That, as far as practicable, all such stations shall devote a portion of their work to the examination and classification of the soils of their respective States and Territories, with a view to securing more extended knowledge and better development of their agricultural capabilities.

Proviso.

Examination of soils.

Approved, March 2, 1889.

CHAP. 374.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and n nety.

March 2, 1889.

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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postal service appropriations.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster-General.

For mail depredations, and post-office inspectors, and fees to United States marshals, attorneys, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, two hundred thousand dollars.

Mail depredations inspectors.

For advertising, eighteen thousand dollars.

Advertising.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

For compensation to postmasters, thirteen million six hundred thousand dollars.

Postmasters.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, six million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and that the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to classify and fix the salaries of the clerks and employees attached to the first-class post-offices, from and after July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as hereinafter provided: *Provided, however*, That the aggregate salaries as fixed by such classification shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated, namely:

Clerks in post-offices.

Classification in first-class offices.

Proviso. Limit.

Assistant postmaster, salary not exceeding fifty per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand five hundred dollars to not exceeding three thousand dollars per annum, except New York, New York, where the salary of the assistant postmaster shall be fixed at three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and that of the second assistant postmaster at two thousand dollars per annum.

Assistant postmasters. Vol. 22, p. 6 0.

New York.

Secretary and stenographer to postmaster, five classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand two hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars per annum.

Secretary, etc., to postmasters.

Cashier, five classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at one thousand eight hundred dollars, two thousand dollars, two thousand two hundred dollars, two thousand four hundred dollars, and not exceeding two thousand six hundred dollars per annum.

Cashiers.

Assistant cashier, three classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at one thousand two hundred dollars, one thousand three hundred dollars, and not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Assistants.

Finance clerks, book-keepers.

Finance clerks, including book-keepers, six classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand two hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars per annum.

Stamp clerks.

Stamp clerks, ten classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from eight hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars per annum.

Agents.

Stamp agents, as now compensated, at twenty-four dollars per annum.

Superintendents of mails.

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Superintendents of mails, salary not exceeding forty-five per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand three hundred dollars to not exceeding two thousand seven hundred dollars per annum, except at

New York.

New York, New York, where the salary of the superintendent of mails shall be fixed at three thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Assistants.

Assistant superintendents of mails, three classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at one thousand two hundred dollars, one thousand three hundred dollars, and not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Superintendents of delivery.

Vol. 22, p. 600.

Superintendents of delivery, salary not exceeding forty-five per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand three hundred dollars to not exceeding two thousand seven hundred dollars per annum, except at

New York.

New York, New York, where the salary of the superintendent of delivery shall be fixed at three thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Assistants.

Assistant superintendents of delivery, three classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at one thousand two hundred dollars, one thousand three hundred dollars, and not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Superintendents of registry.

Superintendents of registry, salary not exceeding thirty-five per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand dollars to not exceeding two

New York, Chicago, Washington.

thousand one hundred dollars per annum, except at New York, New York, Chicago, Illinois, and Washington District of Columbia, where the salary of the superintendent of registry shall be fixed at not exceeding forty per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Assistants.

Assistant superintendents of registry, salary not exceeding twenty-five per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand dollars to not exceeding

New York.

one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, except at New York, New York, where the salary of the first and second assistant superintendents of registry shall be fixed at two thousand four hundred dollars and one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, respectively.

Superintendents, money orders.

Superintendent, money order division, salary not exceeding forty per centum of the salary of the postmaster, as provided by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand dollars to not exceeding two

New York.

thousand four hundred dollars per annum, except at New York, New York, where the salary of the superintendent of the money-order division shall be fixed at three thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Assistants.

Assistant superintendent, money order division, ten classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from eight hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, except

New York.

at New York, New York, where the salary of the first and second

assistant superintendents of money order and the chief book keeper shall be fixed at two thousand four hundred dollars, one thousand eight hundred dollars, and one thousand eight hundred dollars respectively.

Superintendents of stations.

Superintendents of stations, ten classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one thousand dollars to not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum, except at New York, New York, where the salaries of the superintendents of Stations "A" and "D" shall be fixed at two thousand five hundred dollars each per annum, and superintendents of Stations "E" and "F" shall be fixed at two thousand two hundred dollars each per annum.

New York.

Clerks in charge of stations.

Clerks in charge of stations, nine classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from one hundred dollars to not exceeding nine hundred dollars per annum.

Foremen of working sections, etc.

Foremen of crews or working sections, six classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from nine hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Mailing clerks, etc.

Mailing clerks, letter distributers, dispatchers, registry, money order, directory, and nixie clerks, nine classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from six hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars per annum.

Separators, etc.

Separators and assorters, paper distributors, record clerks, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, clerks for special delivery mail, raters of third and fourth class mail matter, weighers of second class mail matter, stock or supply clerks, and time keepers, seven classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from six hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Stampers, etc.

Stampers and mail messengers, five classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from four hundred dollars to not exceeding eight hundred dollars per annum.

Printers.

Printers, four classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from nine hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Pressmen, messengers, etc.

Pressmen, messengers, watchmen, laborers, janitors, porters, firemen, carpenters, waste-paper examiners, and general-utility clerks, four classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from four hundred dollars to not exceeding seven hundred dollars per annum.

Auditor, draughtsman, New York.

Auditor and draughtsman at New York, New York, three thousand dollars and one thousand two hundred dollars per annum respectively.

Classification of second-class offices.

That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to classify and fix the salaries of the clerks attached to the second class post-offices, from and after July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as hereinafter provided: *Provided, however*, That the aggregate salaries as fixed by such classification as shall be made under this act shall not exceed the several sums appropriated by this act for the service authorized to be classified, namely:

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Limit.

Chief clerk.

Chief clerk, nine classes, salary, graded in even hundred of dollars, from seven hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars per annum.

Mailing clerks, etc.

Mailing clerks, letter distributers, dispatchers, registry clerks, stamp clerks, and money-order clerks, five classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from six hundred dollars to not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum.

Separators, etc.

Separators, and assorters, paper-distributers, general-delivery clerks, and general utility clerks, four classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from six hundred dollars to not exceeding nine hundred dollars per annum.

Stampers, messengers, etc.

Stampers, messengers, porters, janitors, and watchmen, four classes, salary, graded in even hundreds of dollars, from three hundred dollars to not exceeding six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That

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when the salaries hereinbefore stated are adjusted and fixed, no clerk or employee shall be promoted or advanced in grade or salary without the approval of the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the requirement of section four hundred and sixty-four, Postal Laws and Regulations, edition of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; and hereafter postmasters at offices of the first and second classes shall submit rosters of the clerks attached to their respective offices to the Postmaster-General, to take effect from the first day of the fiscal year, July first, instead of January first, as heretofore; and no roster shall be considered in effect until approved by the Postmaster-General.

Promotions.

Rosters of clerks.

Repeal.

That all acts and parts of acts that conflict with the provisions hereinbefore stated are hereby repealed.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, including rent of city post-office at Washington, District of Columbia six hundred and ten thousand dollars, and of this sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars may be paid for the rent of a branch post-office on Capitol Hill in the city of Washington.

Washington.

Rent, etc., third-class offices.

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Limit.

For rent, light, and fuel to post-offices of the third class, five hundred and five thousand and eighty dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third class post-office for rent a sum in excess of four hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and lights in any one year.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous and incidental items for first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Free delivery.

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Contracts for supplies.

For free-delivery service, eight million dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster General may, when if in his judgment the good of the service so requires make contract for necessary supplies for the free-delivery service for a period not exceeding four years.

Stationery.

For stationery in post-offices, fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Twine, etc.

For wrapping twine, eighty-five thousand dollars.

For wrapping paper, fifty thousand dollars.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, fifteen thousand dollars.

For post-marking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, thirty-five thousand dollars.

For packing-boxes, saw dust, paste, and hardware, three thousand dollars.

For printing facing slips, card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for post-offices of the first and second classes, seven thousand dollars.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland transportation. Star routes.

For inland mail transportation, namely, inland transportation by star routes, five million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Steam-boat routes.

For inland transportation by steam-boat routes, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Messenger service.

For mail messenger service, one million dollars.

Bags and catchers.

For mail bags and mail-bag catchers, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Locks and keys.

For mail locks and keys, fifteen thousand dollars.

Repair shop, Washington.

For the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to make a lease of a suitable place in the city of Washington, and to furnish and equip the same with the tools, implements, and machinery and other material which may be necessary to repair mail bags and sacks, and mail locks and keys, ten thousand dollars.

Railroad routes.

Freight.

For inland transportation by railroads routes, of which a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight

on postal-cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, nineteen million one hundred and five thousand five hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety cents.

Postal cars. For railway post-office car service, two million two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Railway-mail clerks. For railway post-office clerks, five million six hundred thousand dollars.

Special facilities. For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, two hundred and ninety-five thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, withdraw this fund, or any portion thereof, from any railroad company when, in his judgment, the public interests require it.

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Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

Stamps. For manufacture of adhesive postage and special delivery stamps, one hundred and fifty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-four dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, nine thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes etc. For manufacture of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, eight hundred and fifty-two thousand three hundred and fifty-one dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, and expense of agency, sixteen thousand dollars.

Postal-cards. For manufacture of postal-cards, two hundred and twenty-eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-one dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal-cards, and expense of agency, seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

Official, etc., envelopes. For registered package, tag, official, and dead letter envelopes, one hundred and nine thousand seven hundred and forty-five dollars.

Ship, etc., letters. For ship, steam-boat, and way letters, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Printing, etc., drafts. For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, three thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.

Superintendent for eign mails.

Transportation. For transportation of foreign mails, six hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars.

Balance due foreign countries. For balance due foreign countries, one hundred thousand dollars.

Vienna Postal Congress. Delegates. For expenses of United States delegates to Vienna Postal Congress, eighteen hundred and ninety, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Postmaster-General.

Post-office maps. The Postmaster-General shall furnish any person who may apply in writing, copies of any sheets of the Post Office Maps at the cost of printing and ten per centum thereon.

Appropriation to meet deficiencies. SEC. 2. That if the revenue of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Approved, March 2, 1889.