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cause report to be made to Congress, at its next session thereafter, of his action under this provision. Report.

SEC. 6. That whenever, after advertising for bids for supplies in accordance with section three of this act, those received for any article contain conditions detrimental to the interest of the Government, they may be rejected, and the articles specified in such bids purchased in open market, at prices not to exceed those of the lowest bidder, and not to exceed the market price of the same until such time as satisfactory bids can be obtained, for which immediate advertisement shall be made. Rejection of bids. Purchases in open market.

SEC. 7. That at any of the Indian reservations where there is now on hand Government property not required for the use and benefit of the Indians at said reservation the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to move such property to other Indian reservations where it may be required, or to sell it and apply the proceeds of same in the purchase of such articles as may be needed for the use of the Indians for whom said property was purchased; and he shall make report of his action hereunder to the next session of Congress thereafter. Sale of property not used.

SEC. 8. That when in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior any Indian tribe, or part thereof, who are receiving rations and clothing under this act, are sufficiently advanced in civilization to purchase such rations and clothing judiciously, they may commute the same and pay the value thereof in money per capita to such tribe or part thereof, the manner of such payment to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. Commutation of rations to civilized Indians.

That the funds now in the Treasury belonging to the Santee Sioux Indians in the State of Nebraska and at Flandreau in the State of South Dakota, resulting from the sale of lands in Minnesota, and thirty-two thousand dollars heretofore appropriated to purchase lands for the Santee Indians in Nebraska, who have not received allotments may in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, be paid in cash. Santee Sioux. Payment to.

SEC. 9. The Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall report annually to Congress, specifically showing the number of employees at each agency, industrial, and boarding school, which are supported in whole out of the appropriations in this act; giving name, when employed, in what capacity employed, male or female, whether white or Indian, amount of compensation paid, and out of what item or fund of the appropriation paid. Also number of employees in his office here in Washington; when employed, in what capacity employed, male or female, full name, amount of compensation paid, and out of what fund paid, and under what law employed. Report of all employees to be made annually.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

CHAP. 165.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three. July 13, 1892.

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: Appropriations for postal service. Vol. 5, p. 80.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL. Postmaster-General.

For advertising, eighteen thousand dollars. Advertising.

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

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL. First Assistant Postmaster-General.

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

Clerks in post-offices. For compensation to clerks in post-offices, eight million three hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel. For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, seven hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars.

Proviso. For rent, light, and fuel for post-offices of the third class, six hundred and ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for

Limit, third-class offices. 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 necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Free delivery. For free-delivery service, including existing experimental free-delivery offices, ten million seven hundred and fifty-four thousand nine hundred and forty-three dollars, to be disbursed in such manner that no

New offices. additional free-delivery offices shall be established in any congressional district created by virtue of the congressional reapportionment act in which there may be established one or more free-delivery offices, until every congressional district in which there may be a place possessing the necessary qualifications shall have been supplied with at least one free-delivery office.

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

Twine. For wrapping twine, eighty-five thousand dollars.

Paper. For wrapping paper, fifty-six thousand six hundred and twenty-two dollars.

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

Canceling, etc., stamps. For postmarking and rating stamps and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, forty thousand dollars.

Packing boxes, etc. For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Printing. For printing facing slips, card-slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for the postal service, seven thousand dollars.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland transportation. For inland mail transportation, namely, inland transportation by

Star routes. star routes, five million eight hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

Steamboat routes. For inland transportation by steamboat routes, four hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Messenger service. For mail messenger service, one million two hundred thousand dollars.

Bags and catchers. For mail bags, and mail-bag catchers, cord fasteners, label cases, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

Locks, keys, etc. For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, and machinery, and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Repair shop. For the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to rent a building for mail-bag repair shop and lock-repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen, and charwomen, oil, and repair of machinery for same, six thousand five hundred dollars.

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

Freights. freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper, and other supplies from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, twenty-three million six hundred and thirty-three thousand six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-one cents.

Postal cars. For railway post-office car service, two million eight hundred and nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Railway mail clerks. For railway post-office clerks, six million six hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars, of which sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars

Traveling expenses. may be used to pay necessary traveling expenses of chief clerks and

railway postal clerks traveling on duty under order of the Postmaster-General.

Special facilities. For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, one hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-two cents.

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.

Foreign mails. For transportation of foreign mails, one million one hundred and two thousand two hundred and ninety dollars, said amount being made up of the unexpended balances of appropriations for the same object for the fiscal years eighteen hundred and ninety-one and eighteen hundred and ninety-two, amounting to five hundred and two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-one cents and the additional sum of six hundred thousand one hundred and twenty-nine dollars and nineteen cents: *Provided*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, to cover one-half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expense of the clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steamships between the United States and other postal administrations in the International Postal Union.

Reappropriation. Vol. 26, pp. 208, 1081.

Proviso. Clerks on steamships.

Balance due foreign countries. For balance due foreign countries, eighty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

Stamps. For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, two hundred and nineteen thousand seven hundred dollars.

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

Stamped envelopes. For manufacture of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, one million and forty-seven thousand dollars: *Provided*, That it shall not be lawful after the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, for the Postmaster-General to have requests for the return of letters printed upon any envelope sold by any postmaster or by the Post-Office Department: *Provided further*, That the Post-Office Department may continue after the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, to furnish in any quantity stamped envelopes containing the following words: "If not delivered in ten days, return to": *Provided further*, That this provision shall not be construed to interfere in any wise with existing contracts for furnishing stamped envelopes or newspaper wrappers.

Proviso. Printed return requests not to be furnished. *Post*, p. 733. Permissible printed requests. Existing contracts not affected.

Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, and expenses of agency, seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.

Postal cards. For manufacture of postal cards, two hundred and twelve thousand dollars.

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

Official, etc., envelopes. For registered-package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and sixteen thousand dollars.

Ship, etc., letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, one thousand four hundred dollars.

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

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

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

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-three.

Purchase of Confederate postal records directed.

Vol. 26, p. 1079.

SEC. 3. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to expend the amount appropriated by the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, for the purchase of "certain books and records" which are especially referred to and described by the Attorney-General in his letter to the Postmaster-General of October twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one: *Provided*, That the amount thus appropriated by said act has not yet been expended: *Provided also*, That the purchase of said books is recommended by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney General, and that in their judgment said books would be valuable as aids in protecting the Government against overpayments and frauds, and in facilitating the settlement of mail contractors' accounts, and claims now pending in the office of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department and the Court of Claims: *Provided further*, That the purchase price to be paid for said books shall be such sum (within the limit of the appropriation) as may be agreed upon between the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney-General, or by any two of them and the party having possession of said books or his duly authorized attorneys.

Provisos.
If sum not used.

Recommendation by Secretary of Treasury and Attorney-General.

Price.

World's Columbian Exposition.

Branch station.

Appropriations.

Transportation.

SEC. 4. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to establish in the Government Building, upon the ground of the World's Columbian Exposition, a branch station of the Chicago Illinois, Post-Office; and there is hereby appropriated the sum of forty thousand dollars, for clerks, letter carriers, and incidental expenses necessary to maintain the same and a further sum of twenty-three thousand dollars for transportation of mails by Railroad and Mail Messenger Service, the branch office herein provided to begin not earlier than January first, eighteen hundred and ninety three.

Transportation of official matter by express, etc.

SEC. 5. That hereafter the Postmaster-General is authorized to provide for the transportation of official matter of any Department of the Government, over any railroad or express company, whenever he can do so at a saving to the Government and without detriment to the public service: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall apply to official matter franked by members of Congress.

Proviso.
Congressional matter excepted.

Examination of pneumatic dispatch of mails.

SEC 6. That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to examine into the subject of a more rapid dispatch of mail matter between large cities, and post-office stations and transportation terminals located in large cities, by means of pneumatic tubes or other systems, and make report upon the expense, cost, and advantages of said systems when applied to the mail service of the United States, and the sum of ten thousand dollars is hereby appropriated therefor.

Approved, July 13, 1892.

July 14, 1892.

Chap. 168.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods, and for other purposes," approved June tenth, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and eighty, by extending the privileges of the first section thereof to the port of Fernandina, Florida.

Fernandina, Fla.

Immediate transportation privileges to.

Vol. 21, p. 173.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the privileges of the first section of the act approved June tenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend the statutes in relation