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Proviso. Steel to be advertised for.

herein authorized, six million eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no contract for the purchase of gun steel or armor for the Navy shall hereafter be made until the subject-matter of the same shall have been submitted to public competition by the Department by advertisement.

Approved, March 3, 1893.

March 3, 1893.

CHAP. 213.—An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Postal service appropriations.

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:

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Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising. For advertising, eighteen thousand dollars.

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

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmasters. For compensation to postmasters, fifteen million six hundred thousand dollars.

Clerks in post-offices. For compensation to clerks in post-offices, eight million eight hundred and sixty thousand dollars and of this sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars may, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, be expended for the rental of cancelling machines.

Rent, light, and fuel. For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post-offices, eight hundred and two thousand dollars: *Provided*, That of said sum, thirty-five thousand dollars may be used for the rent, light, fuel, and necessary fixtures and furniture of additional premises in the city of New York hereby authorized to be hired and used for general post office business in said city.

Proviso. Additional premises, New York.

Limit, third-class offices. For rent, light and fuel for post-offices of the third class, six hundred and thirty thousand 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 necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Free delivery. For free-delivery service, including existing experimental free-delivery offices, eleven million two hundred and fifty-four thousand nine hundred dollars, of which the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be applied under the direction of the Postmaster-General to experimental free-delivery in rural communities other than towns and villages.

In rural communities.

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

Twine. For wrapping twine, ninety thousand dollars.

Paper. For wrapping paper, sixty thousand 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 and cutting same, card slide-labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for the postal service, ten thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

For inland mail transportation, namely: Inland transportation by star routes, five million nine hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

Inland transportation.
Star routes.

For inland transportation by steamboat routes, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Steamboat routes.

For mail messenger service, one million two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Messenger service.

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.

Bags and catchers.

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

Locks, keys, etc.

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, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Repair shop.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper, and other supplies from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, twenty-four million five hundred thousand dollars.

Railroad routes.
Freight.

For railway post-office car service, two million nine hundred and forty-one thousand dollars.

Postal cars.

For railway post-office clerks, six million eight hundred and ninety-four thousand dollars, of which sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars may be used to pay necessary traveling expenses of chief clerks and railway postal clerks traveling on duty under order of the Postmaster-General.

Railway mail clerks.
Traveling expenses.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Springfield, Massachusetts, via New York and Washington, to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty two cents: *Provided*, That no part of the appropriation made by this paragraph shall be expended unless the Postmaster General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Special facilities on trunk lines.
Proviso.
No expenditure unless necessary.

For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For transportation of foreign mails, one million six hundred thousand dollars: *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 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.

Foreign mails.
Proviso.
Clerks on steamships, International Postal Union.

For balance due foreign countries, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Balance due foreign countries.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, three hundred and seventy-six thousand two hundred dollars.

Stamps.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, twelve thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, one million one hundred and ten thousand dollars: *Provided*, That it shall be lawful after the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, for the Postmaster-General to have the usual requests for the return of letters, printed upon stamped envelopes sold by the Post-Office Department through postmasters.

Stamped envelopes.
Proviso.
Return requests permitted.
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For pay of agent and assistant to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, and expenses of agency, seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.

Distribution.

Postal cards. For manufacture of postal cards, three hundred and forty-three thousand seven hundred 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 thirteen thousand six hundred dollars.

Ship letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, one thousand five 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.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Mail depredations. For mail depredations and post-office inspectors, two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not exceeding five thousand dollars of this amount may be expended for fees to United States attorneys, marshals, clerks of courts, and special counsel necessarily employed in prosecuting civil suits instituted by the (sixth) Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department, through the Solicitor of the Treasury, against the sureties on the official bonds of late postmasters, as provided for by section two hundred and ninety-two, Revised Statutes of the United States.

Proviso. Limit of expenditure in suits against sureties on official bonds.

R. S., Sec. 292, p. 49.

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 for the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four: *Provided*, That so much of the appropriation of forty thousand dollars made by section four of the act of Congress approved July thirteen, eighteen hundred and ninety two, making appropriations for the postal service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, for clerks, letter-carriers, and incidental expenses necessary to maintain a branch station of the Chicago (Illinois) post-office in the Government building upon the ground of the World's Columbian Exposition, and also of the appropriation of twenty-three thousand dollars provided for by said section for transportation of mails by railroad and mail messenger service, as shall remain unexpended on the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be, and the same is hereby, continued during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

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Branch station.

World's Columbian Exposition.

Transportation.

Unexpended balances continued.

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CHAP. 214.—An act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Department of Agriculture appropriations. *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, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, for the purposes and objects hereinafter expressed, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Pay of Secretary, Assistant, clerks, etc. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY: For compensation of Secretary of Agriculture, eight thousand dollars; Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, four thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk in said Department, who shall be superintendent of the Department buildings, two