

STATUTE III.

Feb. 27, 1815.

Act of March 3, 1825, ch. 65.

Postmaster General authorized to allow a commission adequate to the services, &c., of postmasters. Proviso.

Rates of commissions.

Further allowances to postmasters.

Other acts granting compensation to postmasters, repealed.

Proviso.

Act of April 30, 1810, ch. 37.

Postmaster General authorized to employ any steamboat, &c., to carry the mail.

Proviso.

Masters of steamboats, &c. to duly deliver the mail to the post-office.

Compensation.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act in addition to the act regulating the post-office establishment.*

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 allow to the postmasters respectively, such commission on the moneys arising from the postage of letters, newspapers, and packets, as shall be adequate to their respective services and expenses. *Provided,* That the said commission shall not exceed the following several rates on the amount collected in one quarter, that is to say:

On a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, twenty per cent.

On a sum not exceeding four hundred and fifty dollars, seventeen per cent.

On a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, thirteen per cent.

On any sum over three thousand six hundred dollars, five per cent.

He may also allow the postmaster at distributing post-offices, a commission of four per cent. on any sum of postages distributed, not exceeding four thousand dollars: and a commission of three per cent. on any sum of postages distributed over four thousand dollars.

He may also allow to such postmasters as receive and despatch foreign mails, a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars per quarter year, for that service; and he may augment the commission of those postmasters who receive the mail regularly between the hours of nine o'clock in the evening and five o'clock in the morning, from twenty to thirty-three and one third per cent. on one hundred and fifty dollars received in each quarter.

He may also allow to each postmaster one cent for each free letter delivered out of his office, and one cent for each free letter originally received by him and forwarded by mail.

He may also allow to each postmaster ten cents for every monthly register of the arrival and departure of the mail, returned to the general post-office. The Postmaster General may also allow to the postmasters, respectively, a commission of thirty-three and one third per cent. on the amount of postages which they shall collect on newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets; but no allowance for distribution, or for free letters, shall be made to any postmaster, who shall collect postages to the amount of five thousand dollars in one quarter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall be in force on and after the first day of April next, and thereupon all other acts and clauses thereof providing compensation or allowance to any postmaster or postmasters, shall cease to have effect, and are hereby repealed: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to effect, alter, or repeal, the provisions of the fortieth section of the act regulating the post-office establishment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster General be authorized to have the mail carried in any steamboat, or other vessel, which shall be used as a packet, in any of the waters of the United States, on such terms and conditions, as shall be considered expedient: *Provided,* That he do not pay more than three cents for each letter, and each packet, and more than one half cent for each newspaper, conveyed in such mail.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of every master or manager of any steamboat, packet, or other vessel, which shall pass from one part or place to another part or place, in the United States, where a post-office is established, to deliver within three hours after his arrival, if in the day time, and within two hours after the next sunrise, if the arrival be in the night, all letters and packets addressed to, or destined for such port or place, to the postmaster there, for which he shall be entitled to receive of such postmaster two cents for every letter

or packet so delivered, unless the same shall be carried or conveyed under a contract with the Postmaster General; and if any master or manager of a steamboat, or other vessel, shall fail so to deliver any letter or packet, which shall have been brought by him, or shall have been in his care, or within his power, he shall incur a penalty of thirty dollars for every such failure.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That every person employed on board any steamboat, or other vessel employed as a packet, shall deliver every letter, and packet of letters, intrusted to such person, to the master or manager of such steamboat, or other vessel; and before the said vessel shall touch at any other port or place; and for every failure, or neglect, so to deliver, a penalty of ten dollars shall be incurred for each letter and packet.

APPROVED, February 27, 1815.

Penalty for neglect.

Persons employed on board steamboats, &c. to faithfully deliver letters to the master which may be entrusted to them.

Penalty for neglect.

STATUTE III.

March 1, 1815.

Post-roads discontinued.

CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act to alter and establish certain post-roads.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following post-roads be, and the same are hereby discontinued, that is to say: From Columbia, by Shelbyville and Winchester, to Fayetteville, in Tennessee. From Tellico, in Tennessee, by Amoy river, Vanstown, and Tuckeytown, to Fort Stoddard, in Mississippi territory; and from Tuckabatchy by Tensaw and Fort Stoddard, to Pascagoola river, in Mississippi territory; from Cynthiana to Georgetown, in Kentucky. In North Carolina, from Washington to Lake Landing, on Motamuskeet. From Concord, by Loudon, Gilmanton, Meredith, New Holderness, to Plymouth; thence by New Hampton, Sanbornton, Northfield and Canterbury, to Concord.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following be established post-roads, that is to say:

In New Hampshire.—From Concord to Fryeburgh, in Maine. From Concord by Salisbury, Andover, New Chester, Bridgewater, Plymouth, thence by New Holderness, New Hampton, Sanbornton, Salisbury, to Concord. From Exeter, by Brent wood, Poplin, Raymond, Candia, and Pembroke, to Concord.

In Vermont.—From Chester South village, by Andover, Weston, Land Grove, and Peru, to Manchester. From Salem, New York, by Rupert, Paulet, Middleton, and Ira, to Rutland.

In Maine.—From Kennebunk to Alfred. From Prospect, by Mount Ephraim, to Frankfort.

In Massachusetts.—From Hosack, New York, by Pownal, Vermont, to Williamstown. From Northampton, by Hadley, Sunderland, and Montague, to Northfield. From Foxborough, by Mansfield and Norton, to Taunton.

In Connecticut.—That the post-road from Norwalk, by Reading, to Danbury, pass through Saugatuck, and by the town-house in Reading.

In New York.—From Hadley Landing, in Saratoga, to Luzern, in Warren county. From Hamilton village, by Guelderland, Berne, Schoharie Courthouse, the brick church, in Cobleskill, Colonel I. Steward's, and Maryland, to Milford. From West Point to Haverstraw. From Burrage Mills, in Coventry, to Oxford. That the mail from Huntington be carried by the north road to Smithtown, instead of the south road. From Stillwater, by Dunning street, in Malta, and the south end of Saratoga Lake, to Ballstown Springs, thence by the north end of Saratoga Lake, and by Roger's mills, to Stillwater. From Manlius, in Onondaga county, to Elbridge, in Camillus, thence to Auburn, in Cayuga county. From Bainbridge through Coventry to Green.

In New Jersey.—From Newark, by Orange Dale and Hanover, to

Post-roads established.

New Hampshire.

Vermont.

Maine.

Massachusetts.

Connecticut.

New York.

New Jersey.