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work, including the wages of printers' assistants, at one dollar and twenty-five cents a day each, when employed, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, twelve thousand dollars.

Materials.

For engravers', printers' and other materials, except distinctive paper, and for miscellaneous expenses, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, eighteen thousand dollars.

Appropriations available until December 31, 1898.

That the appropriations made by this Act, except as otherwise provided, shall remain available for payment of liabilities which may be incurred to and including December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved, June 8, 1898.

June 10, 1898.

CHAP. 423.—An Act For revising and perfecting the classification of letters patent and printed publications in the Patent Office.

Patent Office.
Revision of classification of letters patent, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of determining with more readiness and accuracy the novelty of inventions for which applications for letters patent are or may be filed in the United States Patent Office, and to prevent the issuance of letters patent of the United States for inventions which are not new, the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and directed to revise and perfect the classification, by subjects-matter, of all letters patent and printed publications in the United States Patent Office which constitute the field of search in the examination as to the novelty of invention for which applications for patents are or may be filed.

Additional employees.
Post, p. 672.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of enabling the Commissioner of Patents to carry out the provisions of this Act the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to appoint from time to time, in the manner already provided for by law, such additional number of principal examiners, assistant examiners, first-class clerks, copyists, laborers, assistant messengers, and messenger boys as he may deem necessary: *Provided, however*, That the whole number of additional employees shall not exceed three principal examiners, two first assistant examiners, two second assistant examiners, six third assistant examiners, five fourth assistant examiners, four first-class clerks, four copyists, six laborers, six assistant messengers, and six messenger boys; that the annual expenses for this additional force shall not exceed the sum of sixty-two thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars.

Proviso.
Limit.

Approved, June 10, 1898.

June 13, 1898.

CHAP. 446.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Postal service appropriations.
Vol. 5, p. 80.

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:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.

For advertising, five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

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

Postal laws, appropriation for printing, etc., revised edition.

For printing and binding a revised edition of the postal laws and regulations, consisting of one hundred thousand copies, such edition to be prepared under the direction of the Postmaster-General and printed at the Government Printing Office; and the Postmaster-General may