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striking out the following words at the end of section two thereof:
—when tax assessed. "That said water-main tax, or assessment, or reassessment shall be due, payable, and collectible on each lot or parcel of land or premises on and after the date on which the connection is made from the water main to the said lot or parcel of land or premises," and inserting in
—notice. lieu thereof the following: "That hereafter, whenever a water main or mains shall be laid in the District of Columbia, the water-main assessment or tax authorized by law shall be assessed within thirty days after such water main or mains shall have been laid and the owner or owners affected by this assessment or tax shall be notified that the same has been assessed by a notice inserted daily, Sundays excepted, for two weeks in two newspapers published in the District of Columbia,
—how payable. and such assessment or tax shall be payable in four equal installments, the first of which shall be payable without interest within thirty days of the date of the last publication of said notice, the second within one year, the third within two years, and the fourth within three years
—interest on overdue payments. from the date of the last publication of said notice, and interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum shall be charged on all amounts which shall remain unpaid at the expiration of thirty days from the
Proviso. —abatement for payment in full. date of the last publication of said notice: *Provided*, That if the assessment or tax is paid in full at any time within thirty days after the last publication of said notice an abatement of six per centum shall be
Cost of publishing notice. allowed on the entire amount of said assessment. The cost of publication of the notice herein provided for shall be added to the amount of said assessment and collected in the same manner that said assessment is collected."

Reimbursements for water mains laid in public streets, etc. SEC. 2. That in all cases where a water main has heretofore been or may hereafter be laid in a public street or way, and in order to secure the laying of such main the cost or a part thereof has been paid to the District of Columbia prior to the laying of said main by any person or corporation, there shall be repaid from time to time to such person or corporation, out of the collections from the assessment for such main, all of the amounts so paid over and above the assessment chargeable against the land owned or controlled by said person or corporation.

Brightwood avenue; cancellation of unpaid taxes, etc. SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cancel the assessment of water-main taxes unpaid on Brightwood avenue for the laying of the water main about July twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, from Fort Reno reservoir to and on Brightwood avenue from the Military road to Aspen street, where the water has not been introduced from said main on adjoining property since said water main was laid; and they are authorized and directed to reassess the tax for laying said main on Brightwood avenue according to existing law.

Repeal. SEC. 4. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 2, 1900.

June 2, 1900. **CHAP. 613.**—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

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, seven thousand dollars.

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

For service in newly acquired territory, etc.

For postal service in the newly acquired territory in Porto Rico, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Philippine Islands, or territory held by military occupation, and for additional transportation to and from said territory, also including postal service for all military camps or stations, to be used in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, two hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of this appropriation, to maintain the postal service in Porto Rico during the months of May and June, in the year nineteen hundred, to be immediately available.

Proviso.

Porto Rico.

Postal laws and regulations; printing revised edition.

For printing and binding a revised edition of the postal laws and regulations, such edition to be prepared under the direction of the Postmaster-General and printed at the Government Printing Office; and the Postmaster-General may authorize the sale of copies of such edition not needed for the use of the Department to individuals at the cost thereof, and ten per centum added, the proceeds of such sales to be deposited in the Treasury as part of the postal revenues, thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be immediately available.

—sale of.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, eighteen million dollars. Any portion thereof saved by the consolidation of post-offices under existing law shall be transferred to the appropriation for compensation to clerks in post-offices and made available for the payment of the salaries of superintendents and clerks at stations established in lieu of the post-offices thus discontinued.

Diversion for clerks, etc.; consolidated offices.

Salary and allowance division.

Assistant postmasters.

SALARY AND ALLOWANCE DIVISION: For compensation to assistant postmasters at first and second class post-offices: One at three thousand five hundred dollars, sixteen at three thousand dollars each, one at two thousand five hundred dollars, three at two thousand dollars each, eight at one thousand nine hundred dollars each, fifteen at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, thirty at one thousand seven hundred dollars each, sixty at one thousand six hundred dollars each, eighty at one thousand five hundred dollars each, forty-six at one thousand four hundred dollars each, one hundred and twenty-four at one thousand three hundred dollars each, two hundred and thirty-five at one thousand two hundred dollars each, two hundred and nineteen at one thousand one hundred dollars each, and two hundred and thirty at one thousand dollars each; in all, for assistant postmasters, one million three hundred and forty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices:

—at $100 each.

Five hundred and fifty clerks in charge of stations and substations, at one hundred dollars each, fifty-five thousand dollars;

—at $200.

One hundred and seventy-five clerks in charge of stations and substations, at two hundred dollars each, thirty-five thousand dollars;

—at $300.

Ninety-six clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, and stampers, at three hundred dollars each, twenty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars;

—at $400.

Sixty-seven clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general utility clerks, at four hundred dollars each, twenty-six thousand eight hundred dollars;

—at $500.

One thousand five hundred and ninety-eight clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general utility clerks, at five hundred dollars each, seven hundred and ninety-nine thousand dollars;

—at $600.

Two thousand six hundred and sixty clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers,

carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, time-keepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at six hundred dollars each, one million five hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars;

—at $700. Eight hundred and forty-seven clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at seven hundred dollars each, five hundred and ninety-two thousand nine hundred dollars;

—at $800. Three thousand nine hundred and two clerks in charge of stations and substations, stampers, mail messengers, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks and assistant superintendents, money-order division, at eight hundred dollars each, three million one hundred and twenty-one thousand six hundred dollars;

—at $900. One thousand four hundred and sixty-nine clerks in charge of stations and substations, general-utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, and foremen of crews, at nine hundred dollars each, one million three hundred and twenty-two thousand one hundred dollars;

—at $1,000. One thousand four hundred and thirty-two assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, at one thousand dollars each, one million four hundred and thirty-two thousand dollars;

—at $1,100 Five hundred and thirty assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry and superintendents of stations, at one thousand one hundred dollars each, five hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars;

Six hundred and ninety-two assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributers, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintenderts of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, draftsman New York, finance clerks and secretaries and stenographers, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, eight hundred and thirty thousand four hundred dollars; —at $1,200.

One hundred and seventy-eight dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand three hundred dollars each, two hundred and thirty-one thousand four hundred dollars; —at $1,300.

One hundred and forty-seven dispatchers, letter distributers, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, two hundred and five thousand eight hundred dollars; —at $1,400.

Fifty-eight stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand five hundred dollars each, eighty-seven thousand dollars; —at $1,500.

Ninety-one stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand six hundred dollars each, one hundred and forty-five thousand six hundred dollars; —at $1,600.

One hundred and eighteen stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand seven hundred dollars each, two hundred thousand six hundred dollars; —at $1,700

Fifty-two assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, ninety-three thousand six hundred dollars; —at $1,800.

One superintendent of delivery, one superintendent money-order division, and one superintendent of station, at one thousand nine hundred dollars each, five thousand seven hundred dollars; —superintendents, etc., at $1,900.

—at $2,000. Forty-nine superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand dollars each, ninety-eight thousand dollars;

—at $2,100. Six superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand one hundred dollars each, twelve thousand six hundred dollars;

—at $2,200. Twenty-seven superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand two hundred dollars each, fifty-nine thousand four hundred dollars;

—at $2,400. Twenty assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, forty-eight thousand dollars;

—at $2,500. Seven superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand five hundred dollars each, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars;

—at $2,600. Thirteen superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand six hundred dollars each, thirty-three thousand eight hundred dollars;

—at $2,700. Nine superintendents of delivery and superintendents of mails, at two thousand seven hundred dollars each, twenty-four thousand three hundred dollars;

Auditor, New York. One auditor, New York, three thousand dollars;

—Chicago. One auditor, Chicago, three thousand dollars;

Superintendents, etc., at $3,200. One superintendent money-order division, one superintendent of registry, one superintendent of mails, and one superintendent of delivery, at three thousand two hundred dollars each, twelve thousand eight hundred dollars;

Substitutes for clerks on vacation. For compensation to substitutes for clerks of first and second class post-offices on vacation, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars;

Separating mails. For separating mails at third and fourth class post-offices, nine hundred thousand dollars;

Temporary clerk hire. For temporary clerk hire, one hundred thousand dollars;

Amount. In all, for clerk hire in post-offices, twelve million eight hundred and twenty-nine thousand seven hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the

Proviso. Temporary clerks during busy hours. Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, allow postmasters at first-class offices to employ temporary clerks at the rate of twenty-five cents an hour during the rush or busy hours of the day.

Rent, light, and fuel. For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, one million nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That

Provisos. —limit, rent, third-class office. 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 light in any one year: *And provided further*, That

—leases. the Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of post-offices of the first, second, and third classes at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid quarterly for a term not exceeding ten years.

Miscellaneous. For necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, cleaning, and all other matters not specifically provided for in other appropriations, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That

Proviso. Expenditures without written consent. the Postmaster-General, in his discretion, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may authorize any of the postmasters of said offices

to expend the funds he may allow them for such purposes without the written consent of the Postmaster-General.

Advertising.

For advertising and purchase of newspapers containing official advertisements contracted for under this appropriation at first and second class post-offices, twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

Canceling machines.

For rental or purchase of canceling machines and motors, and power therefor, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That five per centum of the foregoing appropriations for the salary and allowance division of the First Assistant Postmaster-General's bureau may be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects named, but no one item of the appropriations shall thereby be increased more than five per centum.

Proviso.
Interchangeable expenditures.

Free delivery.
Letter carriers.

FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE: For pay of letter carriers in offices already established, and for substitute letter carriers, and for temporary carriers at summer resorts, holiday, election, and emergency service, fourteen million seven hundred and eighty-seven thousand and six hundred dollars.

—in new offices.

For pay of letter carriers in new offices entitled to free-delivery service under existing law, sixty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That letter carriers may be required to work as nearly as practicable only eight hours on each working day, but not in any event exceeding forty-eight hours during the six working days of each week; and such number of hours on Sunday, not exceeding eight, as may be required by the needs of the service; and if a legal holiday shall occur on any working day, the service performed on said day, if less than eight hours, shall be counted as eight hours without regard to the time actually employed.

Proviso.
—to work eight hours a day, etc.

Horse hire.

For horse-hire allowance, four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Car fare and bicycles.

For car fare and bicycle allowance, two hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Incidentals.

For incidental expenses, including letter boxes, package boxes, posts, furniture, satchels, straps, marine service at Detroit, Michigan, fifteen mechanics, to be employed exclusively in erecting and painting letter boxes in cities containing post-offices of the first-class, where they are most needed, and expenses of assistant superintendents of free-delivery service, two hundred thousand dollars; in all, fifteen million seven hundred and fifty-two thousand six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That ten per centum of the foregoing amounts for free-delivery service may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the objects named, but no one item of appropriation shall thereby be increased more than ten per centum.

Proviso.
Interchangeable expenditures.

Rural free delivery.

For experimental rural free delivery, including pay of carriers, horse-hire allowance, supplies, and mechanical appliances, one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Supply division.
Stationery.

SUPPLY DIVISION: For stationery for postal service, fifty-five thousand dollars.

Twine.

For wrapping twine, one hundred thousand dollars.

Wrapping paper.

For wrapping paper, thirty thousand dollars.

Scales, etc.

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

Canceling, etc., stamps.

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

Packing boxes.

For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, one thousand dollars.

Printing.

For printing facing slips and cutting same, card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for the postal service, twenty thousand dollars.

Books, etc.

Blanks, blank books, printed matter, metal advertising signs, twine,

carbon paper, and articles pertaining to its use in the issue and payment of money orders, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Money-order service. Stamps. Rubber and metal stamps for the money-order service, six thousand dollars.

—copying presses. Copying presses and typewriting machines (money-order service), five thousand dollars.

—stationery, etc. Exchange on drafts, stationery, and necessary miscellaneous incidental expenses of the money-order service, thirteen thousand dollars.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland mail transportation. Star routes. For inland mail transportation, namely: Inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, five million two hundred and forty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is authorized to provide difficult or emergency mail service in Alaska, including the establishment and equipment of relay stations, in such manner as he may think advisable, without advertising therefor.

Proviso. Alaska service.

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

Messenger service. For mail-messenger service, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Pneumatic tubes. For transportation of mail by pneumatic tube or other similar devices, by purchase or otherwise, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be used in extending such pneumatic service beyond the service for which contracts already are entered into, and no additional contracts shall be made unless hereafter authorized by law.

Proviso. —no extension of service.

—investigation of cost, utility, etc., authorized. For the investigation by the Postmaster-General of the cost of construction, operation, and utility of all systems of pneumatic tubes for the transmission of mail, including full details and maps, and any estimates and proposals as to cost of construction, as well as the cost of stations and their operation, and all facts bearing upon the use of said tubes in connection with the mail service, to enable Congress to determine whether the service should be owned, leased, extended, or discontinued by the Government, also the cost at which the Government may acquire existing plants or necessary patents, ten thousand dollars.

Wagon, etc., service. For regulation, screen, or other wagon service, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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

Locks, keys, etc. For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, and machinery, and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, of which sum not exceeding two hundred dollars may be used to provide badges for railway post-office clerks, forty-three thousand dollars.

Repair shop. For rent of building for a mail-bag repair shop and lock-repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen and charwomen, oil and repair of machinery for said shops, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Railroad routes. For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding forty 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, thirty-three million eight hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

Post-office cars. For railway post-office car service, four million five hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.

Railway Mail Service. Superintendents, clerks, etc. RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE: One General Superintendent, at three thousand five hundred dollars; one Assistant General Superintendent, at three thousand dollars; one chief clerk, office of General Superintendent, two thousand dollars; eleven division superintendents, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; eleven assistant division superin-

tendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; twenty-one assistant superintendents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; eighty-five chief clerks, in charge of lines, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; twelve hundred and twenty-seven clerks, class five, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; one thousand six hundred and thirty-two clerks of class four, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; three thousand six hundred and five clerks, class three, at one thousand dollars each; one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven clerks, class two, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; five hundred and twenty-five clerks, class one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each.

Substitutes for clerks on vacation.

For substitutes for clerks on vacation, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may allow railway postal clerks whose duties require them to work six days or more per week, fifty-two weeks per year, an annual vacation of fifteen days, with pay.

Proviso. Vacation allowed.

Clerks acting for injured clerks.

For acting clerks in place of clerks injured while on duty, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Traveling expenses.

For actual and necessary expenses of General Superintendent, assistant general superintendent, chief clerk office general superintendent, division superintendents, assistant division superintendents, chief clerks, and railway-postal clerks, while actually traveling on business of the Department and away from their several designated headquarters, forty thousand dollars.

Per diem, assistant superintendents.

For per diem allowance of assistant superintendents, thirty-four thousand dollars: *Provided*, That assistant superintendents may receive a per diem allowance in lieu of actual and necessary traveling expenses at the rate of four dollars per day while actually traveling on business of the Department away from their several designated headquarters.

Proviso. —in lieu of traveling expenses.

Amount.

In all, for railway mail service, nine million eight hundred and sixty-three thousand nine hundred dollars.

Electric and cable car service.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the rate of compensation to be paid per mile shall not exceed the rate now paid to companies performing said service.

Proviso. —limit rate per mile.

Special facilities.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from New York and Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and seventy-one thousand two hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five 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.

For continuing necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Kansas City, Missouri, to Newton, Kansas, twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended unless the Postmaster-General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Proviso. —consent of Postmaster-General.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items, including railway guides, city directories, and other books and periodicals necessary in connection with mail transportation, one thousand dollars.

Foreign mails. Oceanic Steamship Company.

For transportation of foreign mails, two million two hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars, including additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship Company for transporting the mails by its steamers sailing from San Francisco to New Zealand and New South Wales by way of Honolulu, all mails made up in the United States destined for the Hawaiian Islands, the Australian colonies, New Caledonia, and the islands in the Pacific Ocean, eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the sum paid the said Oceanic Steamship Company shall not exceed two dollars per mile, as authorized by Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to provide for ocean mail

Provisos. —limit per mile. Vol. 26, p. 832. Clerks on steamers.

service between the United States and foreign ports, and to promote commerce:" *And provided further*, 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; and not exceeding forty thousand dollars for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in New York Bay to the several steamship and railway piers, and between the steamship piers in New York City and Jersey City and the post-office and railroad stations, and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in San Francisco Bay to the piers.

Transfers at New York.

San Francisco.

Balances due foreign countries.

For balances due foreign countries, one hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Stamps.

Provisos.
Special delivery revenues available for expenditures at first-class post-offices.

For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, two hundred and twenty-three thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of the revenue arising from special-delivery business the Postmaster-General may allow expenditures by postmasters at first-class post-offices, under regulations to be established by him, for car fare for special-delivery messengers in emergent cases where immediate delivery in the usual way is impracticable, not to exceed in the aggregate, for all offices, ten thousand dollars a year: *And provided further*, That at first and second class post-offices the Postmaster-General may establish rules under which special delivery may be effected by any salaried clerk or employee thereof, and the lawful special-delivery fees allowed therefor, the same as is now done at third-class offices, in cases where such delivery can not be made by regular messengers.

—fees from, available for any employee at first and second class offices; rules.

Distribution of stamps.

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

Stamped envelopes.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, six hundred and three thousand dollars.

—distribution.

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

Postal cards.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars.

—distribution.

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

Envelopes.

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

Ship, etc., letters.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, one thousand dollars.

Indemnity for loss of registered matter.
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For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of first-class registered matter, as provided for in the Act of Congress approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to amend the postal laws providing limited indemnity for loss of registered mail matter," six thousand 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, including salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions at two thousand five hundred dollars per annum without per diem, and fifteen inspectors at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per annum without per diem, and fifteen inspectors at two thousand dollars per annum without per

diem, and for salaries of post-office inspectors and clerks; and for per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on business for the Department, five hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow post-office inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on duty away from home, or their designated domicile, for a period not exceeding twenty consecutive days at any one place, and may make rules and regulations governing the foregoing provisions relating to per diem: *And provided further*, That, of the amount herein appropriated, not to exceed two thousand dollars may be expended, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of securing information concerning violations of the postal laws, and for services and information looking toward the apprehension of criminals.

Provisos.
Per diem to inspectors.

Securing evidence, etc.

For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Rewards.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

SEC. 2. That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks, and persons employed in the postal service shall not be available for the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for performing such service. The establishment of a civil pension roll or an honorable service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks, and persons in the postal service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service, is hereby prohibited.

Appropriations unavailable for incapacitated employees.

Civil pension roll, etc., forbidden.

SEC. 3. That if the revenues 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 revenues for the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

Appropriation for deficiencies in revenues.

SEC. 4. That the commission to investigate the question whether or not excessive prices are paid to the railroad companies for the transportation of the mails and as compensation for postal-car service, and all sources of revenue and all expenditures of the postal service, and rates of postage upon all postal matter, authorized by section five of the Act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, approved June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and by section four of the Act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred, approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be, and it is hereby, continued with all the powers and duties given by said Acts, and with directions to report to Congress on or before January first, nineteen hundred and one, and that the unexpended balance of the sums appropriated is hereby reappropriated and made available for the expenses of said commission: *Provided, however*, That one thousand copies of all testimony hitherto taken by said commission shall be at once printed, and that one thousand copies of all testimony hereafter taken shall also be printed from time to time for the use of Congress, of which eight hundred copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, and two hundred copies for the use of the Senate; and the necessary amount therefor is hereby appropriated.

Congressional committee to investigate, etc., continued.

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Report.

Reappropriation of unexpended balance.

Proviso.
Copies of testimony ordered printed.

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