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(Eleventh Statutes, page six hundred and twenty-four), under the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty-six (Seventh Statutes, page four hundred and ninety-nine), which was then deposited in the Treasury of the United States; and for the further purpose of ascertaining the amount, if any, due the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, under a conversion made on March ninth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, as set forth in the report of the honorable Secretary of the Interior on Senate bill numbered sixty-seven hundred and sixty-six, Fifty-seventh Congress, second session, bearing date January seventeenth, nineteen hundred and three, and the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, bearing date January fourteenth, nineteen hundred and three, thereunto attached. That said petition shall name the United States as

Court of Claims granted jurisdiction.

defendant, and may be verified by attorney. That the Court of Claims is hereby granted jurisdiction in law and in equity to render judgment upon said petition, and to pass upon and find, as a matter of law, whether or not the conversion of said funds was authorized under the third article of the treaty of eighteen hundred and fifty-five above referred to. That the Court of Claims shall advance said cause upon the docket, and, if judgment be rendered for the petitioner, shall

Attorney's fee.

award a proper attorney fee for the attorneys of record, to be paid on separate warrants from the amount recovered.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

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CHAP. 1480.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, and for other purposes.

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, five thousand dollars.

Delegates to Postal Congress.

For compensation and expenses of United States delegates to the Universal Postal Congress, to convene at Rome, Italy, five thousand dollars.

Post-office inspectors. Salaries.

SALARIES OF POST-OFFICE INSPECTORS: For salaries of five inspectors in charge of divisions, at three thousand dollars each; ten inspectors in charge of divisions, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; six inspectors, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; fifteen inspectors, at two thousand dollars each; seventy inspectors, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; sixty inspectors, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; and forty-five inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; in all, three hundred and sixty-eight thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Per diem.

For per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on official business away from their home, their official domicile, and their headquarters, two hundred and five thousand dollars:

Provisos. Temporary allowances.

Provided, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow post-office inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on business away from their 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

Limit.

relating to per diem: *And provided further*, That no per diem shall be paid to inspectors receiving annual salaries of two thousand dollars or more.

Miscellaneous expenses.

For salaries of clerks and laborers at division headquarters, miscellaneous expenses at division headquarters, traveling expenses of inspectors without per diem, and of inspectors in charge, expenses incurred by field inspectors not covered by per diem allowance, and traveling expenses of the chief post-office inspector, one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, 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.

Proviso. Obtaining information, etc.

Rewards.

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

Miscellaneous.

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

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

Postmasters.

For compensation to postmasters, twenty-three million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Assistant postmasters.

For compensation to assistant post masters at first and second class post-offices: Two, at three thousand five hundred dollars each; twenty-five, at three thousand dollars each; five, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; two, at two thousand dollars each; twelve, at one thousand nine hundred dollars each; twenty, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; fifty-five, at one thousand seven hundred dollars each; one hundred, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; ninety, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; one hundred, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; two hundred and ten, at one thousand three hundred dollars each; three hundred and fifty, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; three hundred and forty, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; two hundred and seventy-five, at one thousand dollars each; forty, at nine hundred dollars each; forty, at eight hundred dollars each; and forty, at seven hundred dollars each; in all, two million one hundred and twenty-three thousand eight hundred dollars.

Superintendents, clerks, etc.

For compensation to clerks in first and second class post-offices.

At $3,200.

Superintendent of delivery, superintendent of mails, superintendent of money order, and superintendent of registry, four, at not exceeding three thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $3,000.

Auditors, superintendent of delivery, superintendent of mails, superintendent of money order, and superintendent of registry, six, at not exceeding three thousand dollars each;

At $2,700.

Superintendents of delivery and superintendents of mails, seventeen, at not exceeding two thousand seven hundred dollars each;

At $2,600.

Cashiers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, twenty-one, at not exceeding two thousand six hundred dollars each;

At $2,500.

Superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and superintendents of stations, six, at not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars each;

At $2,400.

Assistant superintendent of delivery, assistant superintendent of mails, assistant superintendent of money order, assistant superintendent of registry, bookkeeper, cashiers, finance clerk, private secretary, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, twenty-five, at not exceeding two thousand four hundred dollars each;

At $2,200.

Assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, finance clerks, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendent of registry, and superintendents of stations, twenty-nine, at not exceeding two thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $2,100. Chief stamp clerks, night superintendents, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of inquiry, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, and superintendents of registry, sixteen, at not exceeding two thousand one hundred dollars each;

At $2,000. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, bookkeepers, cashiers, examiners of stations, finance clerks, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, superintendent of inquiry, and superintendents of stations, seventy-seven, at not exceeding two thousand dollars each;

At $1,800. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, sixty, at not exceeding one thousand eight hundred dollars each;

At $1,700. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one hundred and nineteen, at not exceeding one thousand seven hundred dollars each,

At $1,600. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one hundred and five, at not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars each;

At $1,500. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registery, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one hundred and twenty-two, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each;

At $1,400. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, clerks, examiners of stations, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter,

and superintendents of stations, three hundred and sixty-nine, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each;

At $1,300. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, cashiers, chief mailing clerks, chief stamp clerks, clerks, finance clerks, foremen of crews, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, superintendents of money order, superintendents of registry, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, four hundred and forty-five, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each;

At $1,200. Assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, assistant superintendents of money order, assistant superintendents of registry, assistant superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, chief stamp clerks, clerks, finance clerks, foremen of crews, printers, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-five, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each;

At $1,100. Assistant superintendents of stations, clerks, printers, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, superintendents of second-class matter, and superintendents of stations, one thousand six hundred and seventy, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each;

At $1,000. Assistant superintendents of stations, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, printers, private secretaries, superintendents of carriers, and superintendents of second-class matter, two thousand seven hundred and forty-four, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each;

At $900. Carpenters, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, pressmen, printers, and private secretaries, two thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each;

At $800. Carpenters, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, and pressmen, four thousand two hundred and thirty-five, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each;

At $700. Carpenters, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, janitors, laborers, messengers, porters, pressmen, and watchmen, four thousand one hundred and fifty-five, at not exceeding seven hundred dollars each;

At $600. Carpenters, clerks, clerks in charge of stations, janitors, laborers, messengers, porters, pressmen, and watchmen, four thousand two hundred and forty-three, at not exceeding six hundred dollars each;

At $500. Clerks, clerks in charge of stations, janitors, laborers, messengers, porters, and watchmen, eight hundred, at not exceeding five hundred dollars each;

At $400. Clerks, clerks in charge of stations, janitors, laborers, messengers, porters, and watchmen, five hundred, at not exceeding four hundred dollars each;

At $300. Clerks, clerks in charge of stations, laborers, and janitors, four hundred, at not exceeding three hundred dollars each;

At $200. Clerks in charge of stations, eight hundred, at not exceeding two hundred dollars each;

At $100. Clerks in charge of stations, at a rate of compensation not to exceed one hundred dollars each, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

In all, twenty-one million dollars.

Appointment, etc., restricted. And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Substitutes allowed. That hereafter when any clerk in post-offices of the first or second class, or in the Railway Mail Service; or any letter carrier in the city free-delivery service; is absent from duty from any cause, other than the fifteen days' annual leave with pay allowed by law, the Postmaster-

General, under such regulations as he may prescribe, may authorize the employment of a substitute for such work, and payment therefor from the lapsed salary of such absent clerk, or letter carrier, at a rate not to exceed the pay of the grade of work performed by such substitute.

Payment from lapsed salaries.

Substitutes for clerks on leave.

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

Temporary clerks.

For temporary clerk hire, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the 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.

Proviso.
During busy hours.

Separating mails.

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

Unusual business.

For unusual business at third and fourth class post-offices, fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That on the direct order of the Postmaster-General any part of this sum may be allowed for clerk hire, rent, fuel, light, and miscellaneous expenses in Alaska when by reason of unusual conditions the interest of the service demands such allowances.

Proviso.
Alaska expenses.

Clerks, third-class offices

For allowance to third-class post-offices to cover the cost of clerical services, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no allowance in excess of two hundred dollars shall be made where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand dollars, one thousand one hundred dollars, or one thousand two hundred dollars; nor in excess of three hundred dollars where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand three hundred dollars, one thousand four hundred dollars, or one thousand five hundred dollars; nor in excess of four hundred dollars where the salary of the postmaster is one thousand six hundred dollars, one thousand seven hundred dollars, one thousand eight hundred dollars, or one thousand nine hundred dollars.

Proviso.
Allotments.

Rent, light, and fuel.

For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, two million eight hundred 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 eighty dollars for fuel and light, in any one year: *And provided further*, That 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.

Provisos.
Limit.

Leases.

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.

Advertising.

For advertising and purchase of newspapers containing advertisements contracted for under this appropriation, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Canceling machines.

For rental or purchase of canceling machines, including cost of power, motors, repairs to motors, and miscellaneous expenses of installation and operating, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Assistant superintendents.

For compensation to seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum each, fourteen thousand dollars.

Per diem, etc.

For per diem allowance for seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, ten thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

Stationery.

For stationery for postal service, sixty-five thousand dollars.

For wrapping twine and tying devices, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Twine.

For wrapping paper and paper for facing slips, fifty-five thousand dollars. Wrapping paper.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, and for tape measures, twelve thousand five hundred dollars. Scales, etc.

For postmarking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, and year blocks for old post-marking stamps, not to exceed four consecutive years for each stamp, thirty-five thousand dollars. Postmarking, etc., stamps.

For rubber stamps and type, metal-bodied rubber type, dates, figures, and holders, and ink and pads for rubber stamps, six thousand dollars. Rubber stamps.

For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, two thousand dollars. Packing boxes, etc.

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

Blanks, blank books, printed and engraved matter, binding and carbon paper for the money-order service, one hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars. Money-order supplies, etc.

Rubber and metal stamps and repairs thereto; ribbons, pads, and racks for the money-order service, six thousand dollars.

Copying presses, typewriting machines, envelope-opening machines, and repairs thereto, for use of the money-order service, fourteen thousand dollars.

Exchange on drafts and necessary miscellaneous expenses of the money-order service, ten thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous items in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars: *Provided*, That a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars may be used for the purchase of city directories and books of reference. Miscellaneous. *Proviso.* Directories.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL. Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

INLAND MAIL TRANSPORTATION: For inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, seven million three hundred 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. Mail transportation. Star routes. *Proviso.* Alaska service.

For inland transportation by steamboat and other power-boat routes, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Steamboat routes.

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

For transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other similar devices, five hundred thousand dollars. Pneumatic tubes, etc.

For regulation, screen, or other wagon service, one million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars. Wagon service.

For mail bags, cord fasteners, label cases, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, and for incidental expenses pertaining thereto, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Mail bags, etc.

For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, and machinery, and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, and for incidental expenses pertaining thereto, forty-five thousand dollars. Locks, keys, etc.

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, nine thousand dollars. Repair shop.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty thousand dollars may be employed Railroad routes.

to pay freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper, mail equipment, and other supplies from the manufactories and depositories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, forty million nine hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter before making the readjustment of pay for transportation of mails on railroad routes, the average weight shall be ascertained by the actual weighing of the mails for such a number of successive working days not less than ninety, at such times after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and five, and not less frequently than once in every four years, and the result to be stated and verified in such form and manner as the Postmaster-General may direct.

Proviso.
Weighing for readjustment of pay.

Post-office car service.

For railway post-office car service, five million eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Railway mail service.
General superintendent, superintendents, clerks, etc.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE: One general superintendent, at four thousand dollars; one assistant general superintendent, at three thousand five hundred dollars; one chief clerk, office of general superintendent, at two thousand dollars; one assistant chief clerk, office of general superintendent, at one thousand eight hundred dollars; eleven division superintendents, at three thousand dollars each; eleven assistant division superintendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; five assistant superintendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; twenty-three assistant superintendents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and twenty-five chief clerks, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; two hundred and fifty-nine clerks, class six, at not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars each; one thousand two hundred and sixty-six clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each; five hundred and twenty-eight clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each; one thousand seven hundred and twenty-six clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each; one thousand seven hundred and fifty-four clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each; five thousand and forty-seven clerks, class three, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each; two thousand and thirty-one clerks, class two, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; nine hundred and five clerks, class one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each; in all, fourteen million one hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars.

Appointments limited.

And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Assignments to Department duty.
Preference for civil war service.

In the assignment or transfer of clerks from the railway mail service, however, preference shall be given to the persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service who served in the civil war and who are now serving as clerks on the railway mail cars in order that they may be transferred to clerical service in the Department or in the post-offices and relieved from service on said cars as rapidly as practicable, provided they are found to possess the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of the offices to which they may be transferred.

Emergency service.

For temporary clerk hire in classes one and two for emergency service, fifty thousand dollars.

Substitute clerks.
Proviso.
Annual 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.

Acting clerks.
Allowance in case of death.

For acting clerks, in place of clerks injured while on duty, and to enable the Postmaster-General to pay the sum of one thousand dollars, which shall be exempt from the payment of debts of the deceased, to the legal representatives of any railway postal clerk or substitute rail-

way postal clerk who shall be killed while on duty or who, being injured while on duty, shall die within one year thereafter as the result of such injury, one hundred thousand dollars.

Traveling expenses.

For actual and necessary expenses of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, chief clerk office of General Superintendent, assistant chief clerk office of 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, twenty-one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For rent, light, fuel, telegraph, and miscellaneous office expenses, schedules of mail trains, telephone service, typewriting machines, and badges for railway postal clerks, fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Per diem, assistant superintendents.

For per diem allowance of assistant superintendents, twenty-five thousand dollars; and for their necessary official expenses not covered by their per diem allowance, not exceeding five thousand dollars; in all, thirty 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.

Proviso. Allowance.

Street-car service.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, seven hundred and seventy-two thousand six hundred dollars: *Provided*, That the rate of compensation to be paid per mile shall not exceed the rate now paid to companies performing said service. Except that the sum of one hundred and seventy-two thousand six hundred dollars of the sum in this item appropriated is hereby made available for the purpose of covering the cost of mail service by underground electric cars in the city of Chicago, Illinois, during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and six. And the Postmaster-General is authorized to contract for said underground service in Chicago at an annual rate not exceeding said sum of one hundred and seventy-two thousand six hundred dollars for a period not exceeding four years.

Proviso. Rate per mile.

Chicago, Ill. Underground cars.

Contract.

Special facilities. Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and forty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-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.

Proviso. Condition.

Kansas City, Mo., to Newton, Kans.

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. Conditions.

Foreign mails.

Mails to Tahiti.

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For transportation of foreign mails, two million seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, of which sum forty-five thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be available for contracts for carrying mails from San Francisco to Tahiti, in accordance with the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to provide for ocean mail service between the United States and foreign ports, and to promote commerce:" *Provided*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding eighty-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

Proviso. Clerks on steamships.

Transfers to piers, New York and San Francisco.

New York Bay to the several steamship and railway piers, and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in San Francisco Bay to the piers.

Assistant superintendent.

For assistant superintendent of foreign mails, with headquarters in New York, New York, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Balances due foreign countries.

For balances due foreign countries, one hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

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

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Stamps.

For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, and books of stamps, four hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agent and assistant to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, eleven thousand two hundred and eighty dollars.

Stamped envelopes, etc.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, nine hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, and expenses of agency, twenty thousand five hundred dollars.

Postal cards.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and ninety-six thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For pay of agents and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, seven thousand six hundred and forty dollars.

Official envelopes.

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

Ship, etc., letters.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, five hundred dollars.

Indemnity, lost registered mail.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of first-class registered matter, six thousand dollars.

Blanks, etc.

For blanks, books, and printed matter of urgent or special character, including the preparation, publication, and free distribution to the public of a pamphlet containing general postal information, intaglio seals, and other miscellaneous items of immediate necessity for the registry system, fifteen thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Special counsel second-class mail privileges suits.

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The appropriation for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and five of twenty-five thousand dollars for the employment of special counsel to prosecute and defend suits affecting the second-class mailing privilege is hereby reappropriated and made available for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and six.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

City 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, twenty-one million two hundred and ninety-six thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars.

New offices.

For pay of letter carriers in new offices entitled to free-delivery service under existing law, one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Horse hire.

For horse-hire allowance, seven hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Car fare, etc.

For car fare and bicycle allowance, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mechanics.

For compensation to twenty-two mechanics, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each, nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

Detroit, Mich., marine service.

For marine postal service, Detroit, Michigan, four thousand five hundred dollars.

Incidental expenses.

For all other incidental expenses, including letter boxes, package boxes, posts, furniture, satchels, and straps, three hundred thousand dollars.

Special delivery.

For car fare for special-delivery messengers in emergent cases, ten thousand dollars.

For fees to special-delivery messengers, nine hundred thousand dollars.

Rural free delivery. Division superintendents.

RURAL FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE: For compensation to six division superintendents of rural free-delivery service, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, fourteen thousand four hundred dollars.

Rural agents.

For compensation to twenty-five rural agents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; eighteen rural agents, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; eighteen rural agents, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; twenty-five rural agents, at one thousand three hundred dollars each; sixty-five rural agents, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, and ten rural agents, at one thousand dollars each, two hundred and twelve thousand seven hundred dollars.

Per diem.

For per diem allowance for one hundred and sixty-one rural agents when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, one hundred and ninety-three thousand two hundred dollars.

Clerks at headquarters.

For incidental and other necessary official expenses of division superintendents and rural agents, livery hire, forty thousand dollars.

For compensation to clerks at division headquarters: Twelve clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; ten clerks, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; ten clerks, at one thousand dollars each; fourteen clerks, at nine hundred dollars each, forty-eight thousand dollars.

Carriers and substation clerks.

For pay of letter carriers and clerks in charge of substations of rural free-delivery service, twenty-five million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That not exceeding twelve thousand five hundred dollars of the amount hereby appropriated may be used for compensation of clerks in charge of substations.

Proviso. Limit for clerks.

Incidental expenses.

For incidental expenses, including collection boxes, furniture, satchels, straps, badges, and the making of maps for use in the rural free-delivery service, two hundred thousand dollars.

No payment to the permanently incapacitated.

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.

Pension, etc., roll, prohibited.

Return for postage overpaid, etc.

SEC. 2. That hereafter, whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General that any postage is paid on any mail matter for which service is not rendered, or is collected in excess of the lawful rate, he may, in his discretion, authorize the postmaster at the office where paid to refund the proper amount out of the postal receipts in the possession of the postmaster: *Provided*, That this provision shall apply to all applications for such refunds pending in the Post-Office Department at the time of the passage of this Act.

Proviso. Present applications.

Appropriation to meet deficiencies.

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 revenue 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 six.

Approved, March 3, 1905.