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carrying passengers and carrying fifty or more persons, including passengers and crew, to leave or attempt to leave any port of the United States unless such steamer shall be equipped with an efficient apparatus for radio-communication, in good working order, in charge of a person skilled in the use of such apparatus, which apparatus shall be capable of transmitting and receiving messages over a distance of at least one hundred miles, night or day: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to steamers plying only between ports less than two hundred miles apart.

Proviso. Exception.

Exchange with other stations.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of this Act apparatus for radio-communication shall not be deemed to be efficient unless the company installing it shall contract in writing to exchange, and shall, in fact, exchange, as far as may be physically practicable, to be determined by the master of the vessel, messages with shore or ship stations using other systems of radio-communication.

Penalty for violation.

SEC. 3. That the master or other person being in charge of any such vessel which leaves or attempts to leave any port of the United States in violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall, upon conviction, be fined in a sum not more than five thousand dollars, and

Libel upon vessel.

any such fine shall be a lien upon such vessel, and such vessel may be libeled therefor in any district court of the United States within the jurisdiction of which such vessel shall arrive or depart, and the leaving or attempting to leave each and every port of the United States shall constitute a separate offense.

Regulations.

SEC. 4. That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor shall make such regulations as may be necessary to secure the proper execution of this Act by collectors of customs and other officers of the Government.

Approved, June 24, 1910.

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[S. 8094.]

[Public, No. 263.]

CHAP. 380.—An Act To provide for the return of undelivered letters and for other purposes.

Postal service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-nine hundred and thirty-nine of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Undelivered letters. Return to writer at time of request.

"SEC. 3939. When the writer of any letter on which the postage is prepaid shall indorse on the outside thereof his name and address, such letter shall not be advertised, but, after remaining uncalled for at the

R.S., sec. 3939, p. 764, amended.

office to which it is directed the time the writer may direct or the Postmaster-General prescribe, shall be returned to the writer without additional charge for postage, and if not then delivered, shall be treated as a dead letter."

Approved, June 24, 1910.

June 25, 1910.
[H. R. 20686.]

[Public, No. 264.]

CHAP. 382.—An Act Making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

Rivers and harbors appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

Bar Harbor, Me. Breakwater.

Breakwater from Mount Desert to Porcupine Island, Bar Harbor, Maine: Continuing construction, twenty-five thousand dollars.