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Awards to lowest responsible bidders.

hereby authorized to award such contracts to the bidders that he shall find to be the lowest responsible bidders that can satisfactorily perform the service required to the best advantage of the Government: *Provided*, That the rate to be paid for such service for the load of mails provided by the Postmaster General to be carried in a plane shall not in any case exceed $2 per mile each way, plus not exceeding $1 per pound per thousand miles, or pro rata thereof for greater or less mileage, for any mails required to be carried in the same plane in excess of the specified load, and that, at the request of the Postmaster General, domestic mail shall be conveyed without additional charge on that part of the route in the United States to the border of the United States and to intermediate points:

Provisos.
Rates specified.

Arrangements with air-mail concessionaires in foreign countries.

Provided further, That the Postmaster General may make arrangements with concessionaires operating air-mail service in foreign countries for transportation by their service of mails of the United States and its possessions or Territories: *And provided further*, That in the award and interpretation of the contracts herein authorized the decision of the Postmaster General shall be final and not subject to review by any officer or tribunal of the United States except by the President and the Federal courts.

Decision of Postmaster General final.

Rules, etc., to be issued.

"SEC. 2. The Postmaster General shall make and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Contracts under former Act, may be amended.

"SEC. 3. All contracts heretofore made by the Postmaster General under section 1 of the Act of March 8, 1928, entitled 'An Act to grant authority to the Postmaster General to enter into contracts for the transportation of mails by air to foreign countries and insular possessions of the United States for periods of not more than ten years and to pay for such service at fixed rates per pound or per mile, and for other purposes,' as originally enacted, may be amended under agreement of the parties thereto so as to provide for the transportation of excess mails and for transportation not covered by the existing contract of mails of the United States and its possessions or Territories or of foreign countries, at not exceeding the contract rate per mile and not exceeding the rates per pound provided in section 1 hereof for excess mails."

Provision for excess mails, and transportation not covered by existing contracts.

Limitation.

Approved, March 2, 1929.

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CHAP. 479.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress for the construction of dam or dams in Neches River, Texas.

Neches River.
Construction of dam or dams across, above Beaumont, by designated parties, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Neches Canal Company, Neches Water Company, Beaumont Irrigating Company, the city of Beaumont, Texas, or the city of Port Arthur, Texas, or any one or more of them, to construct a dam or dams across the Neches River, at points suitable to the interests of navigation, above the city of Beaumont, Texas: *Provided*, That the work on such dam or dams shall not be commenced until the plans therefor have been filed with and approved by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army: *And provided further*, That this Act shall not be construed to authorize the use of such dam to develop water power or generate hydroelectric energy.

Provisos.
Approval of plans required.

Use for water power, not authorized.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 2, 1929.