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[CHAPTER 716.]

AN ACT

Relating to conveyance of letters by private hands without compensation, or by special messenger employed for the particular occasion only.

June 22, 1934.
[H.R. 7670.]
[Public, No. 455.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 186 of the Act of March 4, 1909 (35 Stat. 1124) (U.S.C., title 18, sec. 309) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Postal Service.
Vol. 17, p. 308; Vol. 35, p. 1124.
U.S.C., p. 484.

"Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the conveyance or transmission of letters or packets by private hands without compensation, or by special messenger employed for the particular occasion only: *Provided*, That whenever more than twenty-five such letters or packets are conveyed or transmitted by such special messenger, the requirements of section 3933 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 39, sec. 500) shall be observed as to each piece."

Conveyance of letters or packets by private hands, without compensation.

Proviso.
Treatment, if number exceeds twenty-five.
R.S., sec. 3933, p. 764.
U.S.C., p. 1266.

Approved, June 22, 1934.

[CHAPTER 717.]

AN ACT

To amend section 392 of title 5 of the United States Code.

June 22, 1934.
[H.R. 8460.]
[Public, No. 456.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that part of the Act of June 16, 1921 (42 Stat. 63), incorporated in the United States Code as section 392 of title 5, is amended to read as follows:

Postal Service.
Vol. 42, p. 63.
U.S.C., p. 50.

"When any damage is done to person or property by or through the operation of the Post Office Department in any branch of its service and such damage is found by the Postmaster General upon investigation to be a proper charge against the United States, the Postmaster General is invested with power to adjust and settle any claim for such damage when his award for such damage in any case does not exceed $500, and this authority shall hereafter be construed as extending to cases caused by the negligence of any officer or employee of the Post Office Department or Postal Service acting within the scope of his employment."

Postmaster General may settle damage claims, when award does not exceed $500.

Authority extending to cases of negligence by postal personnel.

Approved, June 22, 1934.

[CHAPTER 718.]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to amend the contract for sale of post-office building and site at Findlay, Ohio.

June 22, 1934.
[H.R. 8909.]
[Public, No. 457.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to agree to an amendment to the existing contract between the city of Findlay, Ohio, and the United States of America for the sale of the old post-office site and building at Findlay, Ohio, for the sum of $50,000, negotiated on the basis of one fourth cash and the balance in equal installments payable in three, six, nine, and twelve months with interest on deferred payments payable quarterly at 5 per centum per annum; the amended contract to provide that payment may be made in five annual installments of $10,000 each, with interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum on the unpaid balance: *Provided*, That such extension of time for payment shall be effective upon date of execution of amended contract between the city of Findlay and the United

Findlay, Ohio.
Existing contract for sale of old building, etc., amended.

Vol. 46, p. 1592.

Negotiations on installment basis provided.

Interest rate.

Provisos.
Effective date of extension.