

Appropriation au-
thorized for expenses.
Post, p. 1629.

Proviso.
Per diem allowance;
additional to pay, etc.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of such band in attending and giving concerts at such celebrations and reunion there is authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$11,500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That in addition to transportation and Pullman accommodations the leaders and members of the Marine Band be allowed not to exceed \$5 per day each for actual living expenses while on this duty, and that the payment of such expenses shall be in addition to the pay and allowances to which they would be entitled while serving at their permanent station.

Approved, June 3, 1936.

[CHAPTER 482.]

AN ACT

June 3, 1936.
[H. R. 9496.]
[Public, No. 634.]

To protect the United States against loss in the delivery through the mails of checks in payment of benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.

Veterans' Adminis-
tration.
Vol. 37, p. 312.
U. S. C., p. 1627.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and for other purposes", approved August 17, 1912 (37 Stat. 312; 38 U. S. C., sec. 50), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Checks issued for
veterans' benefits.
Protection against
loss.

"SEC. 3. Pensions, compensation, insurance, or other allowances or benefits provided for by laws administered by the Veterans' Administration shall be paid by checks drawn, pursuant to certification by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, by the Division of Disbursement of the Treasury Department in such form as to protect the United States against loss, without separate vouchers or receipts, and payable by the Treasurer of the United States, except in any case in which the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may consider a voucher necessary for the protection of the Government. Such checks shall be transmitted by mail to the payee thereof at his last-known address, and the envelope or cover thereof may bear an appropriate notice of the prohibition hereafter set forth in this section.

Transmittal by mail
to payee's last known
address.

Delivery of, where
addressee has died or
removed, prohibited.

Exception.

Widow remarrying.

Return of mail with
statement.

Cancellation of re-
turned checks.

Adjusted Compensa-
tion Payment Act, 1936,
amendment.
Ante, p. 1101.

Issuance of bonds.
Designation of postal
employees as fiscal
agents.

"Postmasters, delivery clerks, letter carriers, and all other postal employees are prohibited from delivering any mail addressed by the United States bearing such notice and containing any such check (except that in the case of checks in payment of allowances and benefits other than pensions, compensation, or insurance, the prohibition shall apply only insofar as the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs deems it necessary to protect the United States against loss), to any person whomsoever, if the addressee has died or removed, or in the case of a widow believed by the postal employee intrusted with the delivery of such mail to have remarried (unless such mail is addressed by the United States in the name which the widow shall have acquired by remarriage); and the postmaster in every such case shall forthwith return such mail with a statement of the reasons for so doing, and if because of death or remarriage, the date thereof, if known. Checks returned as herein provided on account of death or remarriage shall be canceled."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraphs:

"At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Postmaster General, under such regulations as he may prescribe, shall designate postmasters and other employees of the Post Office Department and

of the Postal Service to perform, without extra compensation, such fiscal-agency services as may be desirable and practicable in connection with the redemption and payment of the bonds issued under this section; and the Postmaster General may require each such employee to furnish such bond as he may determine for the faithful performance of such fiscal-agency duties.

"The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to advance, from time to time, to the Postmaster General, from the appropriation contained in the Supplemental Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1936, approved February 11, 1936, for 'Administrative expenses, Adjusted Compensation Payment Act, 1936, Treasury Department, 1936 and 1937', such sums as are certified by the Postmaster General to be required for the expenses of the Post Office Department in connection with the handling of the bonds issued hereunder. Such bonds, when received by postmasters for purposes of redemption and payment, shall be handled by the postmasters under such special regulations as may be promulgated by the Postmaster General. They shall be transmitted between post offices or from any post office to the Treasury Department, or fiscal agent thereof, without advance payment of any required postage. The Secretary of the Treasury shall reimburse the Postmaster General, from the aforesaid appropriation contained in said Supplemental Appropriation Act, for such postage and registry fees as may be required in connection with such transmittal. Whenever it is proved to the Secretary of the Treasury, by clear and satisfactory evidence, that any such bond is lost, stolen, or destroyed while being so transmitted, the Secretary of the Treasury may, in accordance with such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, issue a duplicate thereof without requiring the furnishing of an indemnity bond."

Approved, June 3, 1936.

[CHAPTER 483.]

AN ACT

To authorize the execution of plans for a permanent memorial to Thomas Jefferson

June 3, 1936.
[H. R. 12027.]
[Public, No. 635.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), heretofore created for the purpose of considering and formulating plans for designing and constructing a permanent memorial in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, to the memory of Thomas Jefferson, shall determine upon a plan and design for, and proceed with the construction of, such memorial upon a site selected by the Commission, under a contract or contracts hereby authorized to be entered into in a total sum not exceeding \$3,000,000.

SEC. 2. In the execution of its functions the Commission—

(a) May designate as its executive agent any officer, agency, or establishment of the Federal Government qualified and equipped to act in that capacity, and any such officer, agency, or establishment so designated is authorized to act as such agent.

(b) May avail itself of the assistance and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, and the Commission of Fine Arts shall, upon request, render such assistance and advice.

(c) May make expenditures for personal services without regard to the provisions of the civil-service laws and regulations or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the purchase or preparation of plans, designs, and estimates, printing and binding, office equipment and supplies, contract stenographic reporting service, books

Bonding employees.

Transfer of sums to Post Office Department, authorized.

Ante, p. 1125.

Regulations to be prescribed for handling of bonds.

Reimbursement for postage, etc., fees.

Duplicates for lost, etc., bonds.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Commission. Vol. 48, p. 1243. *Post*, p. 1607.

Determination of design and commencement of construction of memorial in District of Columbia, directed. Cost limitation.

Designation of Federal agency as agent of Commission.

Assistance of Commission of Fine Arts.

Personal services. U. S. C., pp. 81, 85. Miscellaneous expenses.