Washington, and excepting, also, the allowance to which postmasters are entitled by law, from the income from boxes: *And provided, further*, That each deputy-postmaster, whose compensation for the last preceding year did not exceed two hundred dollars may send through the mail all letters written by himself, and receive through the mail all written communications addressed to himself, on his private business, which shall not exceed in weight one half ounce, free of postage.

Franking privilege of deputy-postmasters.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, seventeen thousand dollars.

Letters.

For wrapping paper, sixteen thousand dollars.

Paper.

For office furniture, (for the offices of postmasters,) three thousand dollars.

Furniture.

For advertising, thirty thousand dollars.

Advertising.

For mail bags, twenty thousand dollars.

Mail bags.

For blanks, seventeen thousand dollars.

Blanks.

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, four thousand dollars.

Locks.

For mail depredations and special agents, thirteen thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ, when the service may require it, the assistant postmasters-general as special agents, and to make them compensation and allowance therefor, not to exceed the amount expended by said agents as necessary travelling expenses while so employed.

Depredations & special agents.

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For clerks for offices, (in the offices of postmasters,) two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For miscellaneous, fifty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in case the revenues of the department referred to in the first section of this act, shall prove insufficient to meet the foregoing appropriations, then any deficiency that may thus arise shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Any deficiency of revenue to be supplied from the treasury.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the assistant messengers, of the Post Office Department shall be entitled to an annual salary of four hundred and fifty dollars.

Salary of assistant messengers.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Howland and Aspinwall, of the city of New York, the sum of five thousand dollars, with interest from the first day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount of a draft drawn by James Reeside, on the Post-Office Department, dated the eighteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, payable on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, to the order of the said Reeside, and accepted by the treasurer of the Post-Office Department, and by the said Reeside indorsed to the order of H. H. Williams, of Baltimore, and by the said Williams indorsed in blank, and which draft is the property of the said Howland and Aspinwall.

Howland and Aspinwall to be paid $5000 with interest, &c.

Approved, March 2, 1847.

Chap. XXXVIII. — *An Act further to extend the Charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.*

March 2, 1847.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An Act to extend the Charter of the Union Bank of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," approved the twenty-fifth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, further extended to the first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, until which time said act shall be in full force, for the sole purpose of enabling the president and directors of

Act to extend the charter of said bank further extended.

1838, ch. 88.

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the said bank, for the time being, to close its affairs: *Provided*, That said bank shall not exercise any banking privileges, or any other powers, except to collect and pay its debts, and close up its business.

Approved, March 2, 1847.

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1837, ch. 5.

Chap. XXXIX. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the Payment of Horses or other Property lost and destroyed in the military Service of the United States," approved the eighteenth Day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.*

The claims of owners of wagons and teams who have lost horses, &c., provided for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the above-recited act be so amended as to embrace the claims of all owners of wagons or teams, who sustained or shall sustain damage or injury from the loss of any horse, mule, or wagon, cart, boat, sleigh, or harness, while such property was in the military service of the United States either by impressment or contract, and [when] the same has been destroyed or abandoned by the order of the commanding general, the commanding officer, or wagon-master, or otherwise lost or destroyed by unavoidable accident, without any fault or negligence of the owner, and when he was in the line of his duty, such owner shall be allowed and paid the value thereof at the time he entered the service.

Deductions in auditing and settling accounts.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounting officers of the treasury, in auditing and settling the claims under this act, and the one to which this is amendatory, shall make no other deductions from the claim, on account of former payments, than for the use, and risk, and forage advanced for the horse actually lost by the claimant, and before he was again remounted, or for clothing to which he was not entitled by law.

Act of 18th Jan., 1837, ch. 5, and all other acts relating to same subject, continued for two years from 3d March, 1847, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That an act entitled "An Act to provide for the Payment of Horses and other Property lost in the military Service of the United States," approved the eighteenth of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and all other acts or parts of acts relating to the same subject, be, and the same are hereby, continued in force for the period of two years from and after the third day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and nothing contained in any former act shall be so construed by the accounting officers of the treasury as to prevent the presentation and adjustment of all the claims the payment of which is provided for by any of these several acts, within the time above specified.

Approved, March 2, 1847.

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Chap. XL. — *An Act for the Increase of the marine Corps of the United States.*

Additional officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the United States marine corps as now organized shall consist of four additional captains, four first lieutenants, four second lieutenants, twenty-five sergeants, twenty-five corporals, twenty-five drummers, twenty-five fifers, and one thousand additional privates.

Officers, how to be appointed.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers thus provided for shall be appointed first by promotion according to rank in the marine corps, and then by selection; and that their nominations shall be submitted to the Senate for their advice and consent.

Provisions of act of June 30, 1834, ch. 132, made applicable to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of an act passed the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act for the better Organization of the United States marine Corps," be, and the same are hereby, made applicable in all respects