peace in the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, the said justice and the constable who shall execute the process shall respectively be entitled to charge and receive the same fees as are authorized to be charged and received in the case of process issued and served by them respectively in cases of small debts; and the said costs shall be certified by the said justices to the District attorney, for his revision and approval, and when approved shall be paid by the marshal of the District of Columbia.

Fees of justices of the peace and constables.

Four members added to the Levy Court.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That, in addition to the seven members now authorized to be appointed to the Levy Court of the county of Washington, from and after May, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, the President of the United States is hereby authorized and required annually to appoint four additional members from the city of Washington; and the said court shall thereafter consist of eleven members.

Corporation may pass all necessary laws.

Sec. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation of the said city of Washington shall have full power and authority to pass all laws which may be needful and necessary to carry into full and complete effect the powers granted to the said corporation, or to any of its officers or servants, by this act, or by the act or acts to which this act is amendatory or supplementary. And all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Repeal of inconsistent provisions.

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Chap. XLIII. — *An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act to amend the Act entitled 'An Act to reduce the Rates of Postage, to limit the Use and correct the Abuse of the Franking Privilege, and for the Prevention of Fraud on the Revenues of the Post-Office Department,'" passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.*

1845, ch. 43.

Commissions allowed to postmasters to be reckoned on the quarters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rates of commissions authorized to be paid to postmasters by the first section of said act, shall be allowed and paid to them on the amount of postage received in each quarter of the year, and in due proportion for any period less than a quarter, instead of being allowed and paid on the amount received for a year, as was by mistake provided for in said act.

Act made retrospective.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all postmasters whose commissions have been diminished by their being allowed and paid on the amount of postage received in a year, instead of on the amount received in a quarter, shall be permitted to resettle and adjust their accounts according to the first section of this act, and shall be allowed and paid such sum as may be justly found their due on such resettlement of their accounts.

Postmaster-general authorized to employ additional clerks.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the postmaster-general be authorized to employ, temporarily, such additional clerks as may be found necessary for the resettlement of the accounts of postmasters authorized by this act.

Additional compensation when mail arrives at night.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, to the postmasters at offices where the mail is regularly to arrive between the hours of nine o'clock at night and five in the morning, the commission on the first hundred dollars collected in one quarter may be increased by the postmaster-general to a sum not exceeding fifty per cent.

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