

January 13, 1925.
[H. R. 9076.]
Public, No. 321.]

CHAP. 76.—An Act To amend section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide the necessary organization of the customs service for an adequate administration and enforcement of the Tariff Act of 1922 and all other customs revenue laws," approved March 4, 1923.

Customs Service,
Vol. 42, p. 1453,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide the necessary organization of the customs service for an adequate administration and enforcement of the Tariff Act of 1922 and all other customs revenue laws," approved March 4, 1923, is amended to read as follows:

Secretary to appoint,
etc., deputy comptrol-
lers and other customs
officers.

"SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and directed to appoint deputy collectors, deputy comptrollers, deputy surveyors, deputy and assistant appraisers, examiners of merchandise, inspectors and such other customs officers, laborers, and other employees as he shall deem necessary, prescribe their designations and duties when not otherwise defined by law, and fix their compensation. He is authorized to appoint special agents of the Customs Service in number, as now provided by law, and fix their compensation, and to appoint and fix the compensation of such number of customs attachés for duty in foreign countries and of customs agents as he may deem necessary, all of whom shall perform their duties as defined by existing law or prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the immediate supervision of the director, special agency service of the customs: *Provided*, That any officer of the Customs Service designated by the Secretary of the Treasury for foreign service shall, through the Department of State, be regularly and officially attached to the diplomatic missions of the United States in the countries in which they are to be stationed, and when such officers are assigned to countries in which there is no diplomatic missions of the United States appropriate recognition and standing with full facilities for discharging their official duties shall be arranged by the Department of State: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of State may reject the name of any such officer whose assignment to the foreign post for which he has been designated would, in his judgment, be prejudicial to the public policy of the United States. The Secretary of the Treasury shall likewise appoint and fix the compensation of the clerks and other employees of the Board of United States General Appraisers. The appointment of such customs officers and employees shall be made pursuant to the civil-service laws and regulations upon the nomination of the principal officer in charge of the office to which such appointments are to be made."

Special customs
agents and attachés.

Provisos.
Designations for for-
eign service.

Authority of Secre-
tary of State as to for-
eign assignments.

Clerks, etc., Board of
General Appraisers.

Appointments sub-
ject to civil service
laws, upon nomination
of officers in charge.

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[H. R. 8906.]
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CHAP. 77.—An Act To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1920

Treasury Depart-
ment.
Pay to persons tempo-
rarily employed in,
after reaching retire-
ment age, etc.

Vol. 41, p. 614.

Payments in case of
death.

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 is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the agreed compensation in each case to all persons temporarily employed by the Department of the Treasury, prior to the enactment of this Act, who had, before such employment, reached the age for retirement, or who had been retired, from the Government service under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act for the retirement of employees in the classified civil service, and for other purposes," approved May 22, 1920. In case of the death (either before or after the enactment of this Act)

of any person entitled to compensation under the provisions of this Act, the amount of such compensation shall be paid the widow, or if no widow, then to the children, or if no children, then to the estate of such person.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General is authorized and directed, notwithstanding the provisions of such Act of May 22, 1920, to credit the accounts of all disbursing officers or agents of the Department of the Treasury with the amounts heretofore paid in good faith for temporary services to such persons who had reached the age for retirement or who had been retired.

Credits directed in accounts for payments made heretofore.

Approved, January 14, 1925.

CHAP. 79.—Joint Resolution Establishing a commission for the participation of the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, authorizing an appropriation to be utilized in connection with such observance, and for other purposes.

January 14, 1925.
[H. J. Res. 259.]
[Pub. Res., No. 43.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby established a commission to be known as the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) and to be composed of eleven commissioners, as follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President of the United States, four Senators by the President of the Senate, and four Members of the House of Representatives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The commission shall serve without compensation and shall select a chairman from among their number.

Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission.
Creation and appointment.

Post, p. 963.

SEC. 2. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the commission for actual and necessary traveling expenses and subsistence while discharging its official duties outside the District of Columbia.

Amount authorized for expenses.
Post, p. 754.

SEC. 3. That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$10,000 to be utilized in the discretion of the commission for the appropriate participation on the part of the United States in the celebration and observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord to be commemorated on or about April 19 and 20, 1925.

Amount authorized for participation in celebration.
Post, p. 754.

SEC. 4. That the Postmaster General is hereby authorized and directed to issue a special series of postage stamps, in such denominations and of such designs as he may determine, commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord and of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of such other major events of the Revolutionary War as he may deem appropriate.

Special commemorative postage stamps to be issued.

SEC. 5. That in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Battle of Lexington and Concord there shall be coined at the mints of the United States silver 50-cent pieces to the number of three hundred thousand, such 50-cent pieces to be of the standard troy weight, composition, diameter, device, and design as shall be fixed by the Director of the Mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, which said 50-cent pieces shall be legal tender in any payment to the amount of their face value.

Silver 50-cent pieces to be coined.
Number.

Legal tender.

SEC. 6. That all laws now in force relating to the subsidiary silver coins of the United States and the coining or striking of the same, regulating and guarding the process of coinage, providing for the purchase of material, and for the transportation, distribution, and redemption of the coins, for the prevention of debasement or

Coinage laws applicable.