Appropriation for 1836.

SEC. 45. And be it further enacted, That the sum of three millions one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department for the year commencing on the first day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, out of any moneys in the Treasury, arising from the revenues of the said Department, to be accounted for in the manner pointed out in the second section of this act.

SEC. 46. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be in force and take effect from the passage thereof.

APPROVED, July 2, 1836.

STATUTE I.

July 2, 1836.

CHAP. CCLXXI.—An act to establish certain post roads, and to alter and discontinue others, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be established as post roads;


In Massachusetts.—From East Middleboro, through Plympton, to Kingston, in Plymouth county. From Taunton to Norton. From Foxboro to Wrentham. From Franklin, through Bellingham, to South Milford. From North Woodstock, through Woodstock, Wilkinson's factory, Killingly, in Connecticut, to Chephechet, in Rhode Island. From Yarmouth to South Yarmouth. From Sandisfiled to Sheffield. From Boston, through Lynn, Danvers, Topsfield, New Rowley, West Newbury, to Amesbury.

In Rhode Island.—From Woonsocket falls, Rhode Island, through South Bellingham, Massachusetts, to Franklin, and thence to East Medway. From Newport, Rhode Island, by water, to Wickford.


In Vermont.—From Johnston, through Eden, Lowell, Westfield, Troy, and Newport, to Derby. From Bellows falls, through Athens, Brookline, Newfane, and Dover, to Wilmington. From Mount Holly, through Mechanicsville, to Weston. From Alburgh to West Alburgh. From Windsor, by Hartland, Queechy Village, West Hartford, Snow's store, Sharon, and South Stafford, to Stafford. From Practorsville, via Cavendish, Greenbush, and Corner's, in Vermont, to Claremont, in New Hampshire. From Williston to Jericho.

Franklin, in the county of Delaware, to Oneonta, in the county of Otsego. From Somerset, in Niagara county, by Yates, Centre, West Carlton, East Carlton, and Davis' mills, to Gaines corners, in the county of Orleans. From 'Groveland, on East road, to Geneseo. From Stanfordville to Sharon, in Connecticut. From Gibbonsville, by way of Cohoes, to Waterford. From Schenectady, by Princetown and Duanesburg, to Schoharie. From Poughkeepsie, by Pleasant Valley, Dover, Bull's Bridge, and Kent Post Office, to Washington, in Connecticut. From Ithaca, through Green, Oxford, Guilford, Mount Upton, Gilbertsville, Otsewa, Oneonta, Davenport Centre, Davenport, West Harpersfield, Harpersfield, and Stamford, to Catskill; and that the post route from Oxford to Gilbertsville, and from Oneonta to Gilbertsville, and from Harpersfield to Oneonta, be, and the same are hereby, discontinued. From Rochester, along the Erie canal, to Brockport and Lockport, in the county of Niagara. From Union village, by the villages of Battenkill, and Shaw's mills, to the village of Salem, in the county of Washington; and that the post road from Battenkill to Jackson be discontinued. From Waterborough, in the county of Chautauque, by Connewango, to Persia, in the county of Cattaraugus. From Westfield, in the county of Chautauque, to Columbus, in the county of Warren, in the State of Pennsylvania. From Sand Bank to Mansville. From Clintonville to Rhinebeck. From Russia to Moorehouse village.


**In Pennsylvania.**—From Reamstown, in Lancaster county, by the way of Sheenuk, Whitehall, and Springville, in said county, to Shaefferstown, in Lebanon county. From Columbus, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, by the way of Fairmount, Colesville, in Columbia county, and Davidson, to Taneyville, in Lycoming county. From Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, by way of Mercersburg, to Hancock, Washington county, Maryland. From Karthaus, Clearfield county, to the town of Clearfield, in said county; the route to go on the north side of the west branch of the Susquehanna river. From Hart's cross roads, in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, to Andover, in the State of Ohio. From Oil creek, Crawford county, by the way of Spring creek, in Warren county, to Sugar grove, in the same county. From the Spring house, Montgomery county, by the way of David A'Court's Gwyned, Heisler's tavern, Franconia, Gerhart's tavern, Trumboursville, in Bucks county, Everhart's, Jacob Hertz's, to Coopersburg, in Lehigh county. From Abington centre, in Luzerne county, by the way of Factoryville, Nicholson, to Brooklyn, Susquehanna county. From Wyalusing centre, Bradford county, to Orwell, in the same county. From Erie, Erie county, by the way of McKean, Washington, and Venango, to Rockdale, in Crawford county. From Coatesville, in Chester county, by way of Doe run, Chatham, West Grove, Rosscommon, and Boyd's store, to Strickersville. From Florence, in Washington county, by Mill Creek meeting house, East Liverpool, Faulkstown, Clarkson, East Fairfield, and Lima, in Columbiana county, to Poland, in Trumbull county, Ohio. From Cross Creek village, Washington county, to West Liberty, in
Ohio county, Virginia. From West Alexander, Washington county, to West Liberty, in Ohio county, Virginia. From West Alexandria, Washington county, to Waynesburg, in Green county. From Zelienople, Butler county, by Evansburg, Glade Mills, to Freeport. From Beaver, in Beaver county, to Frankfort. From Skinner’s Eddy post office, in Luzerne county, by Springhill, and Jones’s mills, to intersect the post route from Wyalusing to Rushville, at Stevensville. From Wind gap, in Northampton county, by Fleeks ville and Richmond, to Belvidere, in New Jersey. From Ligonier, Westmoreland county, to Johnstown, in Cambria county. From Mahoney post office, in Northumberland county, by the State road, to Minersville, in Schuylkill county. From Taneyville, in Lycoming county, to Heddeleton’s to Columbus, in Luzerne county. From Butler, in Butler county, by Whitestown, Zelienople. From Juniata Crossings, in Bedford county, by Brush valley, Whips cove, Warfordsburg, to Hancock, in Maryland. From Wilkesbarre, in Luzerne county, by White Haven, Lowrytown, to Lausanne. From Reading, in Berks county, by Yocums forge, and Bowman’s store, to Blue Ball, in Lancaster county. From Smethport, McKean county, by the forks of Tunuangwat creek, to Great valley, in Cattaraugus county, New York. From Butler, in Butler county, to Franklin, in Venango county, by the graded or turnpike road. From Carbondale, in Luzerne county, by the way of Greenville, Wallsville, Abington, and Nicholson, to Tunkhannock. From Kutztown, Berks county, by the way of New Jerusalem, Loxahatchee, Klauser’s, Shoemnersville, Boyertown, New Hanover, to The Trappe, in Montgomery county. From Minersville, in Schuylkill county, by the way of Waynesburg, Ortingston, to Gratztown, in Dauphin county. From Easton, Northampton county, by the way of William Kessler’s, Wootings’ mills, Roxbury, to Williamsburg. From Norristown, Montgomery county, by the way of Shannahville and Lumberville, to Phoenixville, in Chester county. From Stoddardsville to Clifton, in Luzerne county. From Honesdale, Wayne county, down the Lackawaxen creek, and along the line of the Delaware and Hudson canal, to the Narrows; thence along the same creek and canal, up the Delaware river, through Big Eddy settlement to Damascus post office; thence through Berlin township to Honesdale. From Venango furnace to Wesley, Venango county. From Damascus to Stockport, via the mouth of the Little Equinunk creek and the English settlement, in Manchester township, and the mouth of the Great Equinunk creek, in Buckingham township, Wayne county. From Liverpool to Mifflintown. From Montrose, through the townships of Lawsville and Franklin, to Binghampton, New York. From Danville to Cattawissa. From York, by Quigley’s church, and Strinestown, to Newberrytown.

In Delaware.—From Milford, in Delaware, to Easton, in Maryland. From Davidsonville, via Higgins’s store, to Patuxent forge, and thence to Elkridge landing. From Boonsborough, via Roehersville, Brownsville, Burketsville and Petersville, to Barry. From Port Deposit to North East. From Churchill to Dover, in the State of Delaware. From Cambridge, by Church creek and Tobacco-stick, to Robinson and Griffith’s store. From Belle Air, by Hartford Furnace and Abington, to Michaelville.

In Virginia.—From Peoplar Hill, Giles county, to Sharon, Wythe county. From Waynesboro to Greenville. From Fishing creek, in Tyler county, Pine Grove, and Mount Linneus, to Poisley’s mills, in the county of Monongalia. From Weston, in the county of Lewis, to Charlestown, in the county of Kenawha. From Louisa court-house to Yanceysville. From Prillsmon’s post office, in the county of Franklin, via Rake’s store, and Canada’s, in said county, to Floyd court-house. From Marion to Greenville, Grayson court-house. From Charlottesville, via

In North Carolina.—From Franklin, North Carolina, to Jamesville, Grady's store, and Huntington, to Blairsville, Georgia. From Wadesboro', by White's store, Jesse Llewellyn's, Hasty's store, Alexander N. Bell's, the Anson Gold mines, and thence by Burns's store and Diamond Hill. From Limestone post office, in Buncomb county, by Ed neysville and E. S. Porter's, to Earlsville, Spartansburg district, South Carolina. From Carthage, in Moore county, thence to Eli Phillips's, and Farish and McNeill's store, to Tyson's store. From Morganton, in Burke county, up John's river, to John Mosts, on Watauga, in Ashe county. From Fallsville, in Lincoln county, to William Oats', Buffalo post office, Joshua Beam's, Rushy creek, Hamilton's store, and Webb's ford, to Rutherford, Rutherford county. From Bethania, Stokes county, by Vienna and Shores' ferry, to Doweltown, Surry county. From Greensboro', by Thompson's store and David Thomas's, to Mooresville, in Orange county. From Milton, by Sergeantsville, and Blackwell's Store, to Rawlingsburg, in Rockingham county. From Yadkin post office, Stokes county, by William Wolf's, Reeve's and Johnson Clement's, to Rockford, Surry county. From Taylor's bridge, in Sampson county, by The Piney Woods, and the house of Lewis High Smith, to Long Creek bridge, in New Hanover county. From Beattiesford to Sherrillsford post office, and Hokesville, to Fisher's post office; returning, to pass Eavesville, the neighborhood of Thomas L. May's, to the Dry Ponds. For Salisbury, by Mount Pleasant, in Cabarras county, to Cobourn's store, in Mecklenburg county. From Washington to Durham creek. From Newbern to James Riggs', on Bay river, in Craven county. From Beaufort to Portsmouth, and thence to Ocracoke. From Kingston, by Hookertown, to Snow Hill. From Mockville to Hunts-

In South Carolina.—From Hamburg, via Red hill, to Liberty hill. From Corbettsville to Blacksville, in Orangeburg district. From Greenville court-house, by Liggon’s mills, to Musk creek. From Abbeville court-house, by Faggart’s store, and Cowington’s mills, to Maffattsville, in Anderson district. From Greenville court-house, South Carolina, via Sutton’s bridge, on Saluda river, Cedar rock, Wolf creek, Pickens court-house, Falls post office, West Union, Earlsford, on Chatuga river, and Warwoman’s creek, to Clayton, in the county of Rabun, State of Georgia. From Camden, via Longtown, Winsborough, Bell, Halls, Ashford’s ferry, and Basket’s, to Newberry court-house. From Union court-house to Newberry court-house, Young’s ferry to Aikin. From Barnwell court-house to Rosney. From Pocotaligo, via Hickory Hill, to the Cross roads, in Prince William’s parish. From Draytonville, by Lime stone springs, Smith Lipscomb’s, Rowland’s store, and the Rolling mills, to Spartanburg court-house. From Fishdam post office, on Broad river, to Pinekeyville, in Union district. From Greenville court house, by Sherman’s store, Bouby’s store, Line creek, Nealey’s ferry, Cambridge, Meeting street, to Edgefield court-house. From Greenville, South Carolina, by Clarksville, Georgia, to Dahlonega.

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In Kentucky. From Gainesboro, Tennessee, via Thomas Butler's Salina, mouth of Obed river, Kettle creek, Hanover, near Cary's ferry, to Burkesville, in Kentucky, thence via Creelsborough to Jamestown, in Russell county. From Jamestown, Tennessee, via Abraham Vanwinkle's, to Monticello, in Wayne county, Kentucky. From Louisa, in Lawrence county, to West Liberty, in Morgan county. From Richmond, in Madison county, to London, in Laurel county. From Perry court-house, via the mouth of Leatherwood creek, Hezekiah Bransan's, in Harlam county, and Neal's post office, at Stone gap, to Scott courthouse, in Virginia. From Richmond, in Madison county, via Slaughter's salt works, Mount Vernon, Somerset, Paris's stone coal mines, and mouth of Laurel, to Charles Rockholt's, in Whitley county. From Neville, in the State of Ohio, to Falmouth, in Pendleton county, Kentucky. From Bowling Green to Scottsville, via Allen springs. From Stanford, in Lincoln county, via Colonel Jesse Coffee's, and Liberty, in Casey county, to Jamestown, in Russel county. From Covington, in Campbell county, via Taylor's mill, on Banklack Creek, and up the Licking road, to intersect the mail route from Washington, in Mason county, via Falmouth, in Pendleton county, to Gaines's cross roads, on the Dry ridge, in Boon county, at Richard Mullin's on Grassy creek, in said county of Pendleton. From Gallatin, in Tennessee, via Dunn's cross roads, in Smith county, Tennessee, down the Long fork of Barren river, by John B. Lowrey's store, to Tomkinsville, in Kentucky. From Cloverport, in Brackenridge county, via John Haynes's, Taylor's mills, Hartfort and
William Browns', in Ohio county, to Worthington, in Muhlenberg county. From Hawesville, in Hancock county, to Nottsville, in Davi
county. From the mouth of Sandy, in Henry county, Tennessee, via Concord and Belgrade, to Wadesborough, in Calloway county, Ken
ucky. From Mount Sterling, via the mouth of Aaron's run, and North Middletown, to Paris. From Cloverport, by the Great falls of
ough creek, to Brownsville. From Tomkinsville, via John Meadow's, on the East fork of Barren river, John Meadow's, on Salt lick of Barren
ver, Bratton's post office, and Dabney Cooper's, on White oak of Barren river, to Gallatin, in Tennessee. From the town of Bedford, in
ldham county, to the town of Port William, in Gallatin county. From the town of New Castle, in Henry county, to Port Royal, in the same
c. From Hartford to V. W. Peyton's, in the county of Ohio. From Hawesville to Viles's, in the county of Hancock.

In Tennessee.—From Randolph, by Portersville and Concordia, to Bellmont, in Fayette county. From Somerville to Egypt, in Fayette
and from Mount Pleasant, Murray county, by Rock House creek, J. C. Gullick's, Perrysville, Lexington, and Independence, to Jackson.
naula to Wesley. From Monroe, via Locust Shades, in Overton county, by Salina, Jackson county, by Garret Moore's to Tomkinsville, Ken
ty. From Elkton, Tennessee, to Decatur, Alabama, and from

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Franklin, Tennessee, to Charlotte, by Turnbull. From Dover, by Tobaccoport, to Cadiz, in Kentucky. From Purdy, Tennessee, by Colonel John Reeves's, in the Chickasaw cession, to Pontotoc, in the State of Mississippi. From Marysville, in Blount county, by Mount Vail springs, to Chilhowee post office, on the Tennessee river, Monroe county. From Bean's station, Morestown, Colonel McFarland's, mouth of Nolachucky, to Newport. From Campbell's station, Low's ferry, on the Holston river, to Louisville, in Blount county. From Pulaski, by Rogersville, to Courtland, Alabama. From Reedyville, by David Patton's, in Rutherford county, to Beech grove, in Bedford county. From Waynesboro' to Savannah. From Long Savannah, Hamilton county, to Walker court-house, Georgia. From Brownsville, Haywood county, by Cherryville, Lanefield, and Chestnut bluffs, to Dyersburg, in Dyer county. From Nashville, by Elliott's mills, on South Harpeth, to Centreville. From Fayetteville to Robertson's store. From Clarksville, Tennessee, to Cadiz, Kentucky. From seat of justice in Humphreys county to the seat of justice in Benton county. From Clinton, by Oliver's, to Morgan court-house.


In Louisiana.—From Grand Gulf, in the State of Mississippi, via Lake Saint Joseph, New Carthage, Roundaway, Walnut, and Bushy
Bayou, to Milligan's bend, in the parish of Carroll. From Drew's landing, in the parish of Claiborne, to the Long Prairie, in the Territory of Arkansas. From Opelousas, via Washington, Holmesville, Prairie Rouge, Bayou Rouge, and Deglaise, and Point Coupée, to St. Francisville. From Lake Providence, in the parish of Carroll, via Monroe, Russellville, and Drew's landing, to the mouth of Loggy Bayou, on Red river. From Calcasieu, in Opelousas county, to Bal-lew's ferry, on Sabine river. From Harrisburg, in the parish of Cata-hooala, by Deer creek, and the Bayou Macon, to Lake Providence, in the parish of Carroll. From Port Hudson, by Jackson, Clinton, and Greensburg, to intersect the Holmesville and New Orleans route at or near Colonel Edwards's. From William Faulkner's plantation to Donaldsonville. From Baton Rouge to Clinton. From Campi, by the Loggy Bayou, up Red river, to Coate's bluff, thence to the settlements on the Grand Cane, in the parish of Natchitoches.

In Indiana.—From Strawtown, in Hamilton county, to Kirk's cross roads, in Clinton county. From Martinsville, in Morgan county, via Lyon's mills, Mooresville, Danville, Alexander's tavern, and Lebanon, to Frankfort, in Clinton county. From Shelbyville, in Shelby county, via Manwarring's, on Sugar creek, Greenwood, Farwest, and Mooresville, to Monrovia, Morgan county. From Noblesville, via Westfield, in Hamilton county, Northfield, Lebanon, Jamestown, and Russellville, to Montezuma, in Park county. From Indianapolis to Mooresville. From Rising Sun, in Dearborn county, via Hartford, Guionville, Dillsborough, and Hart's mill, to Versailles, in Ripley county. From Napoleon, in Ripley county, via Harden's store, Wilmington, and Aurora, to Burlington, in Boone county, Kentucky. From Lawrenceburg, in Dearborn county, via Hullahs and McKenzie's cross roads, to Brookville, in Franklin county. From Harrison, in Dearborn county, via Edin- burg, to Seipio, in Franklin county. From Napoleon, in Ripley county, via Versailles, Cross plains, Vevay, and Ghent, to Georgetown, in Scott county, Kentucky. From Brookville, in Franklin county, via Sunman's, to Versailles, in Ripley county. From Knightstown, via Greensbo-rough, to Pendleton. From Fort Wayne, via McCormick's, Nobles-ville, and Allisonville, to Indianapolis. From Toledo, via Whitemans-ville, Lima, Bristol, Carrollton, Elkhart, Mishawaka, South Bend, Terre Coupee, Kankakee, Laporte, and Morgans prairie, Indiana, to Julien, in Illinois. From Whitepigeon, in Michigan, via Bristol, to Elkhart, in Indiana. From the town of Elkhart, Indiana, via Adamsville, Cas-sopolis, Whitemansville, and Little Prairie, to Bronson, in Michigan. From Newtown, in Fountain county, via Rob Roy, Attica, Williams-port, Rainesville, and Parish's Grove, to Iroquois, in Illinois. From Indianapolis, via Danville, Bainbridge, Rockville, Montezuma, and Newport, to Danville, in Illinois. From Danville, in Hendricks county, via New Maysville, Bainbridge, Poplar spring, Blakesburg, and Russell-ville, to Rockville, in Park county. From Rockville, in Park county, via the narrows of Sugar creek and Jacksonville, to Hillsborough, in Fountain county. From Charlestown, Clark county, via Vienna, to the Slate ford, on the Muskatatuck, to Rockford, Jackson county. From Brownstown, Jackson county, via Sage's ferry, on the Muskatatuck, to Charlestown, in Clark county. From Peru, in Miami county, to Fulton court-house, in Fulton county. From Evansville, in Vanderburg county, via Diamond island, to Mount Vernon, in Posey county. From New Harmony, in Posey county, via Jesse Nasbe's and Blairs Mills, on Big Creek, to Evansville, in Vanderburg county. From New Albany, in Floyd county, via Georgetown, Salisbury, Milltown, Mount Prospect, Jasper, Petersburg, Princeton, and Columbia, to Mount Carmel, in Illi-inois. From Laporte, in Indiana, via Salt creek, Adela, Vanness, on the Vincennes road, the head of Hickory creek, and down the same to

In Mississippi.—From Canton, via Warsaw, to Beattie’s bluff. From Vicksburg, via Benton, Lexington, Blackhawk, Carrolton, Grenada, Coffeeville, Holly Spring, and Patapawha court-house, via La Grange, to Bolivar, Tennessee. From Madisonville, via Canton and Montgomery, Franklin, to Lexington, in Holmes county. From Memphis,


In Alabama.—From Columbiana, in the county of Shelby, via Mineral Springs, to Syllacogy, in Talladega county. From Jacksonville, in Benton county, to Bennettsville, in St. Clair county. From Tuscaloosa, via Romulus, Mosely and Cook's store, to Pleasant Ridge post office, in Pickens


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In Florida.  

*In Florida.*—From Marianna to Daleville, Alabama. From Marianna to Saint Josephs. From Pensacola, by Florida Town, Pittman’s ferry, to Campbelltown.

In Arkansas.  

*In Arkansas.*—From the mouth of Arkansas river, via mouth of White river, Helena, and mouth of Saint Francis, up the west bank of the Mississippi river, to Greenock, and the county seat of Mississippi county, to New Madrid, in Missouri. From Pine bluffs, by Cabeen’s, to Monroe, in Louisiana. From Columbia, Ecore a Fabre, to Washington, in Hempstead county. From Batesville, by Clinton, to Lewisburg, and from Clinton, by Glass’s village, to Dardanelle, in Pope county. From the county seat, in Izard county, to Dardanelle, and from thence, by the county seat of Scott, to Zebulon, county seat of Pike, and thence to Washington, Hempstead county. From Washington to Miller court-house, and from thence on the south side of Red river, to Lafayette court-house. From Carrollton to Springfield, in Missouri.

In Missouri.  


In Wisconsin.  

*In Wisconsin.*—From Macomb, county of McDonough, Illinois, by Burlington, to Mount Pleasant, Desmoines county. From Racine, on Root river, by the outlet of Lake Koskenong and Mineral point, to Cassville. From Richlandtown to Burlington, thence to Monmouth, Illinois. From Milwaukee to the outlet of Lake Koskenong. From Galena, via Sinsinawa mound, Sinsinawa post office, Gibraltar, Van Buren, Cass-
ville, and Prairie du Chien, to Fort Snelling. From Bellevue to Galena, Illinois. From Mineral point, by way of T. J. Parish's, to the English prairie. From Galena, Illinois, by way of White Oak springs, Gratiot's Grove, and Wioata, McNutt's Diggings and Wisconsin city, to intersect the Root river and Cassville route. From Coldwater, in Branch county, to Michigan city, in the State of Indiana, via Centreville, Constantine, Mottville, Bristol, Elkhart, Mishawaukie, South Bend, and Laporte. From Jacksonburg, White Pigeon, Fort Desmoines, Fort Madison, Gibson's ferry, Burlington, Iowa, Clark's ferry, Davenport, Parkhurst, Bellevue Du Buque, Peru, Durango, Weyman's, Cassville, and Prairie du Chien, to Fort Snelling. From Du Buque, by Sinsinawa, and Blast Furnace, to Elkgrove. From Mineral point, by Dodgville and Helena, to Arena. From Galena, by Vinegarhill, Elkgrove, and Bellemont, to Mineral point. From Fort Winnebago, by Fond du Lac, Calumet village, to Grand Kalkalin. From Chicago, by Pike river, Racine, Milwaukee, Chebawgan, Pigeon, Manitowack, to Green bay. From Wisconsin to the city of the Four Lakes. From the city of the Four Lakes, by Fond du Lac, and the city of Winnebago, at the northeast end of Lake Winnebago, to a point of intersection with the route from Prairie du Chien, to Green bay. From Fond du Lac, at the south end of Lake Winnebago, to Milwaukee. From Milwaukee, by the city of the Four Lakes, to the Blue mound, there to intersect the route from Green bay to Prairie du Chien.

In Maine.—From Camden to Vinal Haven.

In Ohio.—From Waupakonetta to Sugar Grove. From Piqua to Waupakonetta.

In South Carolina.—From Mount Hill to Varennes. From Stauntonville, by Golden Grove, to Greenville court-house.

Approved, July 2, 1836.

CHAP. CCXC.—An Act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Dolly P. Madison.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters and packages to and from Dolly P. Madison, relict of the late James Madison, shall be received and conveyed by post, free of postage, for and during her life.

Approved, July 2, 1836.

CHAP. CCCLII.—An act to reorganize the General Land Office.(a)

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 executive duties now prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law, appertaining to the surveying and sale

(a) Decisions of the courts of the United States upon land titles from the United States, and titles to the public lands:

Under the act of Congress of March 3, 1803, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, south of the State of Tennessee," such lands only were authorized to be sold as had not been appropriated by the previous sections of the law, and certificates granted by the commissioners in pursuance thereof. A right, therefore, to a particular tract of land, derived from a donation certificate given under that law, is superior to the title of any one who purchased the same land at the public sales, unless there is some fatal infirmity in the certificate, which renders it void. Ross v. Barland et al. 1 Peters, 666.

An act of Congress requires no precise form for the donation certificate. It is sufficient if the proofs be exhibited to the court of commissioners, to satisfy them of the facts entitling the party to the certificate. It is sufficient if the consideration, to wit, the occupancy, and the quantity granted, appears. Nothing more is necessary to certify to the government the party's right, or to enable him, after it is surveyed by the proper officer, to obtain a patent. Ibid.