money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a commission of one
mill per pound upon the aggregate weight of public documents printed by
order of Congress and deposited in the office of said postmaster, to be
mailed; this allowance to commence with the passage of this act and to
continue for one year only, and to be computed from the ascertained
weight for the month of January eighteen hundred and fifty-four. And
that the said postmaster be required to pay out of the said commissions
to the clerks and other employees of his office a sum not exceeding two
hundred and fifty dollars each, per annum, as compensation for the extra
labor performed by them in the assortment and mailing of said documents;
and that he be required to account for, and settle with the Post-Office
Department, for the disbursement of these commissions, and any sur-
plus that may remain, in the same manner as is now required in the set-
tlement of his other accounts.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Postmaster-General be
authorized and directed to establish a mail on the Mississippi River, from
Cairo to New Orleans, and from Keokuk, Iowa, to Galena, in Illinois;
and that he contract for the same in one line or in such divisions or sec-
tions or both as may be most compatible with the public service, and to
facilitate the execution of this section the Postmaster-General may make
immediate temporary arrangements for carrying said mail by the trip,
and if he fails to obtain acceptable bids after advertising for thirty days,
he may make private contracts for carrying said mail, and the said mail
shall be carried daily from Cairo to New Orleans; but the Postmaster-
General is authorized at his discretion to restrict the delivery of the mail
at all other points than Cairo, Memphis, Napoleon, Vicksburg, Natchez,
Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, to three mails a week each way.

Provided, Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair
the rights of parties heretofore contracting for said service.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXXI. — An Act to establish certain Additional Post Roads.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be establish-
ed as post roads:

In Mississippi. — From Grenada to a point on Tallahatche River, near
Dudley S. Bennett’s plantation. From Philadelphia to Pensacola.

In Louisiana. — From Greensburg to a point intersecting the railroad
from New Orleans to Jackson, Mississippi, at or near the house of Benja-
min Weil.

In Virginia. — From Muddy Creek, in Preston county, via Greens-
burg, Cranesville, Old Lang run, and Accidence, to Addison in Maryland.

In Texas. — From Johnson’s Station, via Fort Worth, to Fort Bel-
nap.

In Iowa. — From Fort Madison, via West Point and Big Mound, to
Keosauqua.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXXII. — An Act to Repeal the first proviso of the fourth section of the Act
entitled “An act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been
engaged in the Military Service of the United States,” approved September twenty-eighth,
one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the first proviso of the
fourth section of the act entitled “An act granting bounty land to certain
officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the military service of the
United States,” approved September twenty-eighth, one thousand eight
hundred and fifty, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.