

dollars be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Navy to construct iron-clad steam-vessels of war.

Iron-clad steam-vessels.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to commute the navy ration of coffee and sugar for the extract of coffee combined with milk and sugar, to be procured in the same manner and under like restrictions and guarantees as are preserved meats, pickles, butter, and desiccated vegetables, if he shall believe it will be conducive to the health and comfort of the navy, and not more expensive to the Government than the present ration, and if it shall be acceptable to the men.

Navy ration of coffee and sugar may be commuted for extract of coffee, &c.

APPROVED, April 17, 1862.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post Office Department during the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.*

April 17, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, out of any moneys in the Treasury arising from the revenues of the said department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six :

Post Office appropriation.

For transportation of the mails, (inland,) six million nine hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.

Transportation of the mails.

For compensation to postmasters, two million two hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars.

Pay of postmasters.

For clerks in the offices of postmasters, eight hundred and forty-six thousand dollars.

Clerks.

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

Ship, &c., letters.

For office furniture in the post offices, two thousand dollars.

Office furniture.

For advertising, thirty-six thousand dollars.

Advertising.

For mail bags, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Mail bags.

For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.

Wrapping paper.

For mail locks, keys, and stamps, fifty-six thousand dollars.

Mail locks, &c.

For mail depreddations and special agents, seventy-five thousand dollars.

Mail depreddations, &c.

For miscellaneous payments, one hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, ninety thousand dollars.

Postage stamps and envelopes.

For payments of balances due to foreign countries, two hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Foreign balances.

For payments to letter carriers, one hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars.

Letter carriers.

For transportation of foreign mails, four hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

Foreign mails.

For compensation of twenty-five additional clerks in the Post Office Department, authorized by the "Act to promote the efficiency of the Dead Letter Office," approved January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, from the date of their appointment to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

Twenty-five additional clerks.

1862, ch. 8. *Ante*, p. 332.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if the revenues of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations of this act, then the sum of two million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Deficiency appropriation for 1862-63.

California cen-
tral route.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the California central route.

Laws giving
preference to
American over
foreign steam-
ships repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed requiring that the Postmaster General in causing the transportation of mails by steamships between the United States and any foreign port or ports, or between any ports of the United States, touching at a foreign port, shall give preference to American over foreign steamships, when departing from the same port for the same destination within three days of each other, be and the same are hereby repealed.

1860, ch. 131, § 4.
Ante, p. 39.

Coast mail be-
tween San Fran-
cisco and Cres-
cent city.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster General be and he is hereby authorized to establish a coast mail, not less than semi-monthly, by steam vessels, between San Francisco and Crescent City, in the State of California, including service at the intermediate ports: *Provided,* That the sum to be paid for such service shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars per annum.

Proviso.

APPROVED, April 17, 1862.

April 21, 1862.
Post, p. 827.

CHAP. LIX. — *An Act to establish a Branch Mint of the United States at Denver, in the Territory of Colorado.*

Branch mint
at Denver to coin
gold.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a branch of the mint of the United States be located and established at Denver, in the Territory of Colorado, for the coinage of gold.

Officers of
mint.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, for carrying on the business of said branch, the following officers shall be appointed as soon as the public interest shall require their service, upon the nomination of the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, namely: one superintendent, one assayer, one melter and refiner, and one coiner; and the said superintendent shall employ as many clerks, subordinate workmen, and laborers, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, as may be required. The salaries of the said officers shall be as follows: To the superintendent, the sum of two thousand dollars; to the assayer, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars; to the melter and refiner, eighteen hundred dollars; to the coiner, eighteen hundred dollars; to the clerks, subordinate workmen, and laborers, such wages and allowances as are customary according to their respective stations and occupations.

Pay.

Oath and bond
of officers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers and clerks to be appointed under this act, before entering upon the execution of their offices, shall take an oath or affirmation, before some judge of the United States or of the supreme court of said Territory, faithfully and diligently to perform the duties of their offices, and shall each become bound to the United States of America, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the director of the mint or the secretary of the Territory of Colorado and of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the condition of the faithful performance of the duties of their offices.

Branch to be
under control of
director of mint,
&c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the general direction of the business of said branch of the mint of the United States shall be under the control and regulation of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury; and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the said director to prescribe such regulations and require such returns periodically and occasionally, and to establish such charges for parting, assaying, refining, and coining, as shall appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this act in establishing said branch; also for the purpose of preserving uniformity of weight, form, and finish in the coin stamped at said branch.

Director to pre-
scribe regula-
tions, &c.