

such coasts or waters as the Secretary of the Navy shall approve: *Provided*, That if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the President of the United States, from the biddings for said contracts, when the same are opened and examined by him, that said vessels can not be constructed at a fair cost on or near the coast of the Pacific Ocean or the Gulf of Mexico, he shall authorize the construction of said vessels, or either of them, elsewhere in the United States; and if the Secretary of the Navy shall be unable to contract at reasonable prices for the construction of any of said vessels, then he may build such vessel or vessels in such navy-yards as he may designate.

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If prices unreasonable, etc., vessels built elsewhere.

UNDER THE BUREAU OF ORDNANCE.

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Armament.
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ARMAMENT: Towards the armament and armor of domestic manufacture, for the vessels authorized by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five; of the vessels authorized by sections one and two of the act of August third, eighteen hundred and eighty six; of the unfinished monitors mentioned in section three of the same act; of the Miantonomoh; of the vessels authorized by the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty seven; of the vessels authorized by the act approved September seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and of those authorized by the act of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and the armament with modern batteries of a gunnery training ship, two million five hundred thousand dollars.

Gunnery training ship.

Washington.

GUN PLANT, NAVY YARD, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: For completion of the gun factory, one hundred and forty five thousand dollars.

Completion of gun factory.

Machinery, boilers, etc.

CONSTRUCTION AND STEAM MACHINERY: Towards the construction and completion of the new vessels heretofore and herein authorized by Congress, with their engines, boilers and machinery, and for the payment of premiums for increased speed or horse-power under contracts now existing and to be made under this and other acts for increase of the Navy, five million four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Speed premiums.

Appropriation for increase.

Total for increase of the Navy, eight million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

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CHAP. 641.—An act making appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

Postal service appropriations.

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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Mail depredations, inspectors, etc.

For mail depredations, and Post-office inspectors, and fees to United States marshals, attorneys, and the necessary incidental expenses connected therewith, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That five thousand dollars of this sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, may be expended by the Postmaster General in the employment of expert accountants who shall be selected by him without examination in accordance with the laws and rules applicable to the Civil Service Commission, to prepare and submit a plan for a uniform and more complete system of keeping accounts in

Proviso.
Accounts.

Post-offices of the first, second and third classes, so as to insure greater accuracy therein, and to settlements thereof.

For advertising, eighteen thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster General, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Advertising.
Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

For compensation to postmasters, fourteen million dollars.

Postmasters.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, seven million three hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

Clerks in post-offices.

For rent, light, and fuel for first and second class post offices, including rent of city post-office at Washington, District of Columbia, and of this sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars may be paid for rent of a branch post-office on Capitol Hill in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, six hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of the general appropriation for rent, light and fuel, for first and second-class post-offices, the Postmaster General may hereafter pay the rent for the branch offices and sub-stations of the Post office in Washington, District of Columbia.

Rent, light, and fuel.
Washington.

Capitol Hill branch.

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Branch offices, etc., in Washington.

For rent, light, and fuel to post-offices of the third class, five hundred and seventy-one thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third class post-office for rent a sum in excess of four hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and lights in any one year.

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Limitation on third-class offices.

For miscellaneous and incidental items for first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For free-delivery service, nine million ninety-four thousand four hundred and eighty-five dollars.

Free delivery.

For stationery in post-offices, fifty-seven thousand dollars.

Stationery.

For wrapping twine, eighty-five thousand dollars.

Twine, etc.

For wrapping paper, fifty-eight thousand dollars.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, eighteen thousand dollars.

For post-marking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, forty thousand dollars.

For packing-boxes, saw dust, paste, and hardware, three thousand dollars.

For printing facing slips, card slide labels, blanks, and books of an urgent nature for post-offices of the first and second classes, seven thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

For inland mail transportation, namely, inland transportation by star routes, five million eight hundred and twelve thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars and fifty-five cents.

Inland transportation.
Star routes.

For inland transportation by steam-boat routes, five hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Steam-boat routes.

For mail messenger service, one million one hundred thousand dollars.

Messenger service.

For mail bags and mail-bag catchers, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Bags and catchers.

For mail locks and keys, fifty thousand dollars.

Locks and keys.

For the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to rent a building for mail-bag repair shop and lock repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen, and charwomen, oil and repair of machinery for same, six thousand five hundred dollars.

Repair shops, etc., Washington.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight

Railroad routes.
Freight.

on postal-cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, twenty-one million one hundred and six thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars and sixty-five cents.

Postal cars. For railway post-office car service, two million five hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Railway mail clerks. For railway post-office clerks, five million nine hundred and ten thousand dollars.

Special facilities. For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines, two hundred and ninety-five thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars and seventy-nine cents: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, withdraw this fund, or any portion thereof, from any railroad company when, in his judgment, the public interests require it.

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Stamps. For manufacture of adhesive postage and special delivery stamps, one hundred and seventy three thousand dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, nine thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes, etc. For manufacture of stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes, newspaper wrappers, and letter sheets, and expense of agency, sixteen thousand dollars.

Postal cards. For manufacture of postal-cards, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal-cards, and expense of agency, seven thousand eight hundred dollars.

Official, etc., envelopes. For registered package, tag, official, and dead letter envelopes, one hundred and sixteen thousand dollars.

Ship, etc., letters. For ship, steam-boat, and way letters, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Printing, etc., drafts. For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Superintendent for foreign mails.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.

Transportation. For transportatin of foreign mails, seven hundred and twelve thousand dollars; and from this appropriation the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to expend the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover one half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expense of clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steam-ships between the United States and other postal administrations in the International Postal Union.

Balance due foreign countries. For balance due foreign countries, one hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars.

Appropriation to meet deficiencies. **SEC. 2.** That if the revenue of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

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