

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized, to cause the mails to be transported between the United States and any foreign port or ports, by steamship, allowing and paying therefor out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, if by an American vessel, the sea and United States inland postage, and if by a foreign vessel, the sea postage only, on the mails so conveyed: *Provided,* That the preference shall always be given to an American over a foreign steamship when departing from the same port for the same destination, within three days of each other

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P. M. General may cause the mails to be transported between the U. S. and foreign ports, by steamship, for the sea and U. S. inland postage, if by an American vessel, and for sea postage only, if by a foreign vessel; preference to be given to American steamships.

CHAP. CLXV.—*An Act to authorize a Loan not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Millions of Dollars.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, authorized, at any time within twelve months from the passage of this act, to borrow, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding twenty millions of dollars, or so much thereof as, in his opinion, the exigencies of the public service may require; to be applied to the payment of appropriations made by law, in addition to the money received, or which may be received, into the treasury from other sources: *Provided,* That no stipulation or contract shall be made to prevent the United States from reimbursing any sum borrowed under the authority of this act at any time after the expiration of fifteen years from the first day of January next.

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President within 12 months may borrow not over \$20,000,000, payable at any time, after 15 years, from Jan. 1, 1859.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That stock shall be issued for the amount so borrowed, bearing interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, with coupons for the semi-annual interest attached to the certificates of stock thus created, and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized, with the consent of the President, to cause certificates of stock to be prepared, which shall be signed by the Register, and sealed with the seal of the Treasury Department, for the amount so borrowed in favor of the parties lending the same, or their assigns; *Provided,* that no certificate shall be issued for a less sum than one thousand dollars.

Stock issued therefor shall bear not over 5 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, with coupons.
Certificates, how prepared and signed, and amount of.

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SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, before awarding said loan, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be inserted in two of the public newspapers of the city of Washington, and in one or more public newspapers in other cities of the United States, public notice that sealed proposals for such loan will be received until a certain day to be specified in such notice, not less than thirty days from its first insertion in a Washington newspaper; and such notice shall state the amount of the loan, at what periods the money shall be paid, if by instalments, and at what places. Such sealed proposals shall be opened on the day appointed in the notice, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, and the proposals decided on by the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall accept the most favorable proposals offered by responsible bidders for said stock. And the said Secretary shall report to Congress, at the commencement of the next session, the amount of money borrowed under this act, and of whom, and on what terms, it shall have been obtained; with an abstract or brief statement of all the proposals submitted for the same, distinguishing between those accepted and those rejected, with a detailed statement of the expense of making such loans: *Provided,* That no stock shall be disposed of at less than its par value.

Loan to be advertised.

Notice.

Proposals to be opened.

Secretary to report to congress at commencement of its next session amount borrowed, &c.

Stock not to be disposed of at less than par.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the faith of the United States is hereby pledged for the due payment of the interest and the redemption of the principal of said stock.

Faith of the United States pledged for its payment.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, to defray the expense of en-

Engraving, &c.

certificates of stock.

Proviso.

graving and printing certificates of such stock, and other expenses incident to the execution of this act, the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated: *Provided*, That no compensation shall be allowed for any service performed under this act to any officer whose salary is established by law.

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June 14, 1858. CHAP. CLXVI.—*An Act in Relation to Courts, and the holding of the Terms thereof, in the several Territories in the United States.*

Judges of Supreme Court of a Territory may in counties where courts have been established hear &c. causes, except when the United States is a party.
Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the judges of the Supreme Court of each Territory of the United States are hereby authorized to hold court within their respective districts, in the counties wherein, by the laws of said Territories, courts have been or may be established, for the purpose of hearing and determining all matters and causes, except those in which the United States is a party: *Provided*, That the expenses thereof shall be paid by the Territory, or by the counties in which said courts may be held, and the United States shall in no case be chargeable therewith.

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June 14, 1858. CHAP. CLXVII.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department during the Fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.*

Appropriation.

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 fifty-nine, 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:

Transportation of the mails. For transportation of the mails, (inland,) ten millions one hundred and forty thousand five hundred and twenty dollars.

Compensation of postmasters. For compensation to postmasters, two millions three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Ship &c. letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand dollars.

Wrapping-paper. For wrapping-paper, fifty-five thousand dollars.

Office furniture. For office furniture in the post-offices, five thousand dollars.

Advertising. For advertising, eighty-five thousand dollars.

Mail-bags. For mail-bags, sixty-five thousand dollars.

Blanks, &c. For blanks, and paper for the same, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mail-locks, &c. For mail-locks, keys, and stamps, fifteen thousand dollars.

Depredations and agents. For mail depredations and special agents, seventy thousand dollars.

Clerks to postmasters. For clerks in the offices of postmasters, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Postage stamps, &c. For postage stamps and stamped envelopes, one hundred thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

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 three millions five hundred 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 of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

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