

without prepayment of postage, under such regulations as the Post-Office Department may prescribe, the postage thereon to be paid by the recipients.

soldiers need not be prepaid.

Post, p. 332.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to introduce among the volunteer forces in the service of the United States, the system of allotment tickets now used in the navy, or some equivalent system, by which the family of the volunteer may draw such portions of his pay as he may request.

Allotment tickets may be introduced among the volunteer forces.

APPROVED, July 22, 1861.

CHAP. X. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit Fines and Penalties incurred in certain Cases.*

July 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, the amount of such fines or penalties as have been incurred and paid by the owners or masters of vessels since the first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty, in consequence of their failure to produce to collectors of the customs the clearances or other papers prescribed and required by the laws of the United States regulating the issue of marine papers, and the foreign and coasting trades: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied in each case that there was no wilful negligence, or any intention of fraud on the part of the person or persons incurring the fines or penalties aforesaid, and that they were unable to obtain the requisite papers, by reason of there being no officer of the customs at the port of departure authorized to issue marine papers, or to grant clearances under the laws of the United States.

Secretary of Treasury may remit certain fines and penalties.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to pay, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, the sum of five hundred dollars, that being the amount of a fine improperly exacted by the collector of the customs at the port of Norfolk, Virginia, in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty, of the master of the "India," a Russian vessel.

\$500 to be paid for fine exacted of the "India."

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to remit, in whole or in part, on such conditions, and under such regulations, not inconsistent with law, as he may prescribe, the additional duty secured by the bond given for the transportation of merchandise from a port in one collection district to a port in another collection district, prescribed by the sixth section of the act entitled "An act to extend the warehousing system by establishing private bonded warehouses, and for other purposes," approved the twenty-eighth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four: *Provided*, That it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the failure to transport and deliver the merchandise aforesaid according to the conditions of the bond, occurred without wilful negligence or fraudulent intent on the part of the obligors.

Additional duties under transportation bonds may be remitted in certain cases.

1854, ch. 30, § 6, Vol. x. p. 272.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act making additional Appropriations for sundry Civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and Appropriations of Arrearages for the Year ending thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

July 24, 1861.

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 objects hereafter expressed, for

Civil expenses. Appropriations.

the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, viz.:

Steam or sailing revenue cutters. For purchase or construction of steam or sailing revenue cutters, equipping the same, and expenses connected therewith, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Repair bridges, &c. For repair of the Potomac, Navy Yard, and upper bridges, and the roads appurtenant thereto, ten thousand dollars.

Repairs of Capitol. For annual repairs of the Capitol water-closets, public stables, water-pipes, broken glass, and locks, one thousand dollars.

Fuel. For fuel, in part, of the President's House, six hundred dollars.

Executive office. For contingent expenses of the executive office, including stationery therefor, one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, in like manner:

Foreign intercourse. For contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, twenty thousand dollars.

For contingent expenses of all the missions abroad, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Publication of Laws. For publication in pamphlet form and in the newspapers of the States and Territories the laws of the first session of the Thirty-seventh Congress, nine thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Arrearages for year ending June 30, 1861. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, in like manner, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-one:

Lighting Capitol, &c. For lighting the Capitol and President's House, the public grounds around them, and around the executive offices, eight thousand dollars.

Executive office. For contingent expenses of the executive office, including stationery therefor, four hundred dollars.

Asbury Dickens to be credited with certain sum. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury are hereby directed to allow to Asbury Dickens, late Secretary of the Senate, in the settlement of his accounts, credit for a payment to Mrs. E. A. Richardson, of four hundred dollars, under a resolution of the Senate of the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

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CHAP. XII. — *An Act in Relation to forwarding Soldiers' Letters.*

Prepaid letters to soldiers may be forwarded, &c. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all prepaid letters to soldiers in any regiment in the service of the United States, and directed to them at a point where they have been stationed, may be forwarded, whenever practicable, to any other point to which they may have been ordered, without further charge thereon.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

July 24, 1861.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act to provide for the temporary Increase of the Navy.*

Temporary increase of navy. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for and during the present insurrection the Secretary of the Navy shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to hire, purchase, or contract for such vessels as may be necessary for the temporary increase of the navy of the United States, and he is also hereby authorized to furnish any vessel or vessels which may be purchased or contracted for, with such ordnance, ordnance stores, and munitions of war, as may be necessary to enable such vessel or vessels to render the most efficient service, pursuant to the orders which may be given to their respective commanders.

Temporary appointments by SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the temporary appointments made, or which may be made, by the Secretary of the Navy, of acting