

Branch post offices may be established in cities, &c.

Postmaster General to establish rules and regulations.

One cent additional postage on each letter deposited and delivered — prepayment required.

Proviso.

Branch service to pay for itself.

Repeal of act of 1847, ch. 63, § 10.
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eral be authorized and directed, when in his judgment the public interest or convenience may require it, to establish one or more branch post offices, to facilitate the operation of the post office in any city or place which, in the opinion of the Postmaster General, may require such additional accommodations for the convenience of the inhabitants; and it shall be the duty of the Postmaster General to prescribe the rules and regulations for the branch post office which may be established by virtue of this act. And the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to charge one cent, in addition to the regular postage, for every letter deposited in any branch post office to be forwarded by mail from the principal office, and which shall be prepaid by stamp, and one cent for every letter delivered at such branch office, to be paid on delivery: *Provided*, That no letter shall be sent from the principal office to such branch office for delivery contrary to the request of the party to whom the same may be addressed: *And provided*, The expense of such branch service shall not exceed the receipts on account thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the tenth section of an act entitled "An act to establish certain post-routes, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, be and hereby is repealed.

APPROVED, April 16, 1862.

April 17, 1862.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act making additional Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.*

Additional naval 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, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the service of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two:

Purchase and alteration of vessels.

For the purchase of vessels and necessary alterations incurred in fitting them for service, two million five hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

Nautical instruments, &c.

For the purchase of additional vessels, two millions of dollars.

Observatory.

For the purchase of nautical instruments, books, maps, and charts, twenty thousand dollars.

Ordnance foundry at Washington.

For repairs at Observatory, freight, and transportation, three thousand dollars.

Ordnance.

For the ordnance foundry at the Washington navy yard, fifty thousand dollars.

Stevens' battery.

For ordnance, one million dollars.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of seven hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars, being the amount necessary to be provided, as estimated by a board appointed for that purpose, to pay for and finish the Stevens' battery now partially constructed at Hoboken, New Jersey, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the immediate completion of said battery: *Provided*, That in the contract for the completion of said vessel it shall be stipulated that no part of the money claimed by Edwin A. Stevens to have been heretofore expended by him upon said vessel shall be refunded until the amount of said claim shall be established to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, and the payment of said sum shall be contingent upon the success of said vessel as an iron-clad, sea-going, war steamer, to be determined by the President, and such contract shall stipulate the time within which the vessel shall be completed: *Provided nevertheless*, That said money shall not be expended unless the Secretary of the Navy is of opinion that the same will secure to the public service an efficient steam battery

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of thirteen millions of

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.