

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ships repealed.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when departing from the same port for the same destination within three days of each other, be and the same are hereby repealed.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.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said branch mint shall be a place of deposit for such public moneys as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct. And the superintendent of said branch mint, who shall perform the duties of treasurer thereof, shall have the custody of the same, and also perform the duties of assistant treasurer; and for that purpose shall be subject to all the provisions contained in an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," approved August six, eighteen hundred and forty-six, which relates to the treasury of the branch mint at New Orleans.

Branch mint to be deposit for public moneys.

1846, ch. 90.  
Vol. ix. p. 59.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of said branch mint be authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and on terms to be prescribed by him, to issue in payment of the gold dust and bullion deposited for assay and coinage or bars, drafts, or certificates of deposit, payable at the Treasury or any Sub-treasury of the United States, to any depositor electing to receive payment in that form.

Certificates of deposit may be issued in payment for deposits for coinage.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all the laws and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the mint of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United States, shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full force in relation to the branch of the mint by this act established, as far as the same may be applicable thereto.

Laws for regulation of mint, applicable to branch.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and to meet the expenses of the current year and for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, April 21, 1862.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act relating to Highways in the County of Washington and District of Columbia.* May 3, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for the levy court of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, to alter, repair, widen, and regulate the public roads and highways in said county, and to lay out additional roads as hereinafter specified.

Levy court may alter, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all roads within said county of Washington which have been used by the public for a period of twenty-five years or more as a highway, and have been recognized by the said levy court as public county roads, and for the repairs of which the said levy court has appropriated and expended money, are declared public highways, whether the same have been recorded or not; and any person who shall obstruct the free use of said highways, or any one of them, without authority from said levy court, shall be subject to a fine for each and every offence of not less than one hundred or more than two hundred and fifty dollars, to be imprisoned till the said fine and the costs of suit and collection of the same are paid; said fines to be collected in the name of the United States, for the use of the levy court.

What shall be deemed public highways.

Penalty for obstructing.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That within one year from the passage of this act the levy court shall cause the surveyor of the said county of Washington to survey and plat all such roads as are named in the last preceding section, and have the same recorded among the records of said county now used for recording surveys and plats of other public county roads; and, in making said survey, the county surveyor shall follow, as

Public highways to be surveyed, &c.

1863, ch. 51.  
Post, p. 658.