upon their offices when, &c.

Lands held in severalty and sold for taxes may be redeemed by any owner, if, &c.

Option of purchaser in such cases.

Be it enacted, That where lands or tenements severally and have been, or shall hereafter be, sold under the provisions of the several acts of congress relating to the sale of lands for direct taxes in insurrectionary districts, in tracts which, at the time of sale, were held by two or more freehold owners, in severalty, any one of these owners, being otherwise entitled to redeem, shall be allowed to redeem for the piece or parcel of land held by him as a freehold owner, as aforesaid, on paying his proportionate part of the tax, penalty, costs, expenses, and interest — the said proportionate part to be ascertained by the said commissioners. And it shall be optional with the purchaser either to retain the residue of the tract purchased, after a redemption of a part, or to surrender his certificate of purchase to the commissioners, and receive back from them the amount of the purchase-money paid, with interest: and in case he shall elect to retain the piece or parcel unredeemed, he shall surrender his certificate for the whole tract purchased, and the said board shall issue a new certificate for the piece or certificate for the piece or parcel of land retained.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

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CHAP. LXXXIX. — An Act relating to the postal Laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all domestic letters, except letters lawfully franked, and duly certified letters of soldiers and mariners in the service of the United States, which are deposited for mailing in any post-office of the United States, on which the postage is