

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper-wrappers, and expenses of agency, sixteen thousand dollars.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, six thousand one hundred dollars.

For registered-package envelopes, locks, and seals, forty thousand dollars.

For office-envelopes and for dead-letter envelopes, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, six thousand dollars.

For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, one thousand five hundred dollars.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FOREIGN MAILS.—For transportation of foreign mails, two hundred and forty thousand dollars.

For balances due foreign countries, forty thousand dollars, including the United States' portion of the expense of the International Office organized under the provisions of article fifteen of the General Postal Union treaty concluded at Berne, October ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

SEC. 2. That if the revenue of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, then the sum of four million two hundred and twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and seventy-two cents, 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 revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine: *Provided*, That the disbursements of the moneys appropriated for the preparation and publication of post-route maps be made by a regular bonded disbursing-officer of the Post-Office Department, according to the laws, rules, and customs as recognized by the accounting-officers of the Treasury Department: *And provided also*, That the pay-rolls of the draughtsmen, clerks, messengers, and other employees of the topographer's office, shall be regularly made out by the chief of the topographer's office, examined and checked by the appointment-clerk of the Post-Office Department, and the payments thereof made by a bonded disbursing-officer of the Post-Office Department: *And also provided further*, That all expenditures made by the chief of the topographer's office for the preparation and publication of post-route maps shall be accounted for by vouchers, accompanied by affidavit, and the moneys therefor shall be disbursed by a disbursing-officer of the Post-Office Department; and all of the above disbursements shall be paid out of the appropriation for the preparation and publication of post-route maps.

SEC. 3. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 17, 1878.

Postal cards.

Registered-package envelopes.

Office envelopes.

Ship letters.

Drafts and warrants.

Foreign mail transportation.

Balances due foreign countries.

Appropriation in addition to revenue.

Disbursement for maps.

Pay-rolls, topographers' office.

Vouchers for expenditures for maps, etc.

Repeals.

CHAP. 260.—An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

June 17, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fifteen hundred and thirteen of the Revised Statutes shall hereafter read as follows:

“SEC. 1513. There shall be allowed in said academy one cadet-midshipman for every member or delegate of the House of Representatives, one for the District of Columbia, and ten appointed at large: *Provided, however*, That there shall not be at any time more in said academy appointed at large than ten: but the provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to cadet-midshipmen appointed at large now in said academy.”

Cadet-midshipmen.
Number of.
R. S. 1513, p. 259,
Amended.

Section fifteen hundred and six is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

Rank of officers. "SEC. 1506. Any officer of the Navy may, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be advanced, not exceeding thirty numbers in rank, for eminent and conspicuous conduct in battle or extraordinary heroism; and the rank of officers shall not be changed except in accordance with the provisions of existing law, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

How to be changed.
R. S. 1506, p. 258,
Amended.

Approved, June 17, 1878.

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CHAP. 261.—An act to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet or the sight of both eyes in the service of the country.

Preamble.

1879, ch. 200,
Post, 484.

Whereas, it is apparent that the present pension paid to soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet in the service of the country is greatly inadequate to the support of such as have families: Therefore,

Pension for loss of both hands, feet, or eyes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the passage of this act, all soldiers and sailors who have lost either both their hands or both their feet or the sight of both eyes in the service of the United States, shall receive, in lieu of all pensions now paid them by the Government of the United States, and there shall be paid to them, in the same manner as pensions are now paid to such persons, the sum of seventy two dollars per month.

Approved, June 17, 1878.

June 18, 1878.

CHAP. 262.—An act to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico concluded on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

Distribution of moneys received from Mexico under treaties.

15 Stat., 679.
19 Stat., 642.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to receive any and all moneys which may be paid by the Mexican Republic under and in pursuance of the conventions between the United States and the Mexican Republic for the adjustment of claims, concluded July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and April twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; and whenever, and as often as, any installments shall have been paid by the Mexican Republic on account of said awards, to distribute the moneys so received in ratable proportions among the corporations, companies, or private individuals respectively in whose favor awards have been made by said commissioners, or by the umpires, or to their legal representatives or assigns, except as in this act otherwise limited or provided, according to the proportion which their respective awards shall bear to the whole amount of such moneys then held by him, and to pay the same, without other charge or deduction than is hereinafter provided, to the parties respectively entitled thereto. And in making such distribution and payment, due regard shall be had to the value at the time of such distribution of the respective currencies in which the said awards are made payable; and the proportionate amount of any award of which by its terms the United States is entitled to retain a part shall be deducted from the payment to be made on such award, and shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States as a part of the unappropriated money in the Treasury.

Appropriation to pay awards against United States, deducted, etc.

SEC. 2. That out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Secretary of State of the United States, in gold or its equivalent, the equivalent of fifty thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents in Mexican gold dollars, and