

**CHAP. 562.**—An Act To construct a light-house keeper's dwelling at Calumet Harbor.

April 18, 1902.  
[Public, No. 77.]

*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 is hereby authorized to have constructed a light-house keeper's dwelling at Calumet Harbor, Lake Michigan, Illinois, at a cost not to exceed the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Calumet Harbor, Ill.  
Light-house keeper's dwelling at.

Approved, April 18, 1902.

**CHAP. 563.**—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three.

April 21, 1902.  
[Public, No. 78.]

*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 for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postal service appropriations.  
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OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Postmaster-General.

For advertising, seven thousand dollars.  
For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Advertising.  
Miscellaneous.

For printing, binding, and wrapping ten thousand copies of the revised edition of the Postal Laws and Regulations, in addition to the one hundred thousand copies provided for by the Act of June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, five thousand of which shall be retained by the Public Printer for sale to individuals at the cost thereof and ten per centum added, the proceeds of such sales to be deposited in the Treasury, as provided for by law; and for printing, binding, and wrapping one thousand copies of the digest of decisions prepared in connection therewith; for which entire editions so much of the amounts appropriated therefor by the Acts of June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, June second, nineteen hundred, and March third, nineteen hundred and one, as shall be necessary is hereby made available: *Provided,* That the aggregate expenditure for said publications shall not exceed fifty-five thousand dollars.

Postal Laws and Regulations.  
Printing revised edition.  
Vol. 30, p. 440.

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*Proviso.*  
Limit.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

First Assistant Postmaster-General.

For compensation to postmasters, twenty-one million dollars. Any portion thereof saved by the consolidation of post-offices under existing law shall be transferred to the appropriation for compensation to clerks in post-offices and made available for the payment of the salaries of superintendents and clerks at stations established in lieu of the post-offices thus discontinued.

Postmasters.  
Allowance for stations from discontinued offices.

**SALARY AND ALLOWANCE DIVISION:** For compensation to assistant postmasters at first and second class post-offices: One at three thousand five hundred dollars; seventeen at three thousand dollars each; two at two thousand five hundred dollars each; four at two thousand dollars each; ten at one thousand nine hundred dollars each; twenty at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; thirty at one thousand seven hundred dollars each; seventy-five at one thousand six hundred dollars each; eighty at one thousand five hundred dollars each; seventy at one thousand four hundred dollars each; one hundred and thirty at one thousand three hundred dollars each; two hundred and seventy at one thousand two hundred dollars each; two hundred and seventy at one thousand one hundred dollars each, and four hundred at one thou-

Salary and allowance division.  
Assistant postmasters.

	sand dollars each; in all, for assistant postmasters, one million seven hundred and one thousand five hundred dollars.
Clerks, etc., com- pensation.	For compensation to clerks in first and second class post-offices:
At \$100 each.	One thousand three hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, at one hundred dollars each, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars;
At \$200 each.	Three hundred and fifty clerks in charge of stations and substations, at two hundred dollars each, seventy thousand dollars;
At \$300 each.	Two hundred and fifty clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, and stampers, at three hundred dollars each, seventy-five thousand dollars;
At \$400 each.	One hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general utility clerks, at four hundred dollars each, forty thousand dollars;
At \$500 each.	Two thousand one hundred and twenty clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, and general utility clerks, at five hundred dollars each, one million and sixty thousand dollars;
At \$600 each.	Three thousand two hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at six hundred dollars each, one million nine hundred and twenty thousand dollars;
At \$700 each.	One thousand clerks in charge of stations and substations, janitors, messengers, porters, watchmen, stampers, carpenters, firemen, laborers, pressmen, waste-paper examiners, mail messengers, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, and stamp clerks, at seven hundred dollars each, seven hundred thousand dollars;
At \$800 each.	Three thousand nine hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, stampers, mail messengers, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, and assistant superintendents money-order division, at eight hundred dollars each, three million one hundred and twenty thousand dollars;
At \$900 each.	One thousand nine hundred clerks in charge of stations and substations, general utility clerks, assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, and foremen of crews, at nine hundred dollars each, one million seven hundred and ten thousand dollars;
At \$1,000 each.	Two thousand one hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry

clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, at one thousand dollars each, two million one hundred thousand dollars;

One thousand one hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents of money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, and superintendents of stations, at one thousand one hundred dollars each, one million two hundred and ten thousand dollars;

At \$1,100 each.

One thousand four hundred assorters, general-delivery clerks, inquiry clerks, paper distributors, raters of third and fourth class matter, record clerks, separators, special-delivery clerks, stock clerks, supply clerks, timekeepers, weighers of second-class matter, directory clerks, dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, printers, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, draftsman New York, finance clerks and secretaries and stenographers, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, one million six hundred and eighty thousand dollars;

At \$1,200 each.

Three hundred dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand three hundred dollars each, three hundred and ninety thousand dollars;

At \$1,300 each.

Two hundred and fifty dispatchers, letter distributors, mailing clerks, money-order clerks, nixie clerks, registry clerks, stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, foremen of crews, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, assistant cashiers, assistant superintendents of delivery, assistant superintendents of mails, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand four hundred dollars each, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;

At \$1,400 each.

One hundred and ten stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand five hundred dollars each, one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars;

At \$1,500 each.

At \$1,600 each.	One hundred and ten stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, secretaries and stenographers, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand six hundred dollars each, one hundred and seventy-six thousand dollars;
At \$1,700 each.	One hundred and twenty-five stamp clerks, assistant superintendents money-order division, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, finance clerks, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at one thousand seven hundred dollars each, two hundred and twelve thousand five hundred dollars;
At \$1,800 each.	Eighty assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, bookkeepers, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each, one hundred and forty-four thousand dollars;
At \$2,000 each.	Seventy-five superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand dollars each, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars;
At \$2,100 each.	Seven superintendents of money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand one hundred dollars each, fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars;
At \$2,200 each.	Thirty superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand two hundred dollars each, sixty-six thousand dollars;
At \$2,400 each.	Twenty-five assistant superintendents money-order division, assistant superintendents of registry, superintendents money-order division, superintendents of registry, superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, sixty thousand dollars;
At \$2,500 each.	Ten superintendents of stations, superintendents of delivery, and superintendents of mails, at two thousand five hundred dollars each, twenty-five thousand dollars;
At \$2,600 each.	Twenty-five superintendents of delivery, superintendents of mails, and cashiers, at two thousand six hundred dollars each, sixty-five thousand dollars;
At \$2,700 each.	Fourteen superintendents of delivery and superintendents of mails, at two thousand seven hundred dollars each, thirty-seven thousand eight hundred dollars;
Auditors, New York. Chicago.	One auditor, New York, three thousand dollars;
Superintendents.	One auditor, Chicago, three thousand dollars;
	One superintendent of money-order division, one superintendent of registry, one superintendent of mails, and one superintendent of delivery, at three thousand two hundred dollars each, twelve thousand eight hundred dollars;
Substitutes for clerks on vacation.	For compensation to substitutes for clerks of first and second class post-offices on vacation, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;
Temporary clerks.	For temporary clerk hire, one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;
Separating mails.	For separating mails at third and fourth class post-offices, one million one hundred thousand dollars;
Total for clerk hire.	In all, for clerk hire in post-offices, seventeen million one hundred and thirty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars: <i>Provided</i> , That the
<i>Proviso.</i> Temporary clerks during busy hours.	Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, allow postmasters at first-class offices to employ temporary clerks at

the rate of twenty-five cents an hour during the rush or busy hours of the day.

For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, two million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That there shall not be allowed for the use of any third-class post-office for rent a sum in excess of four hundred dollars, nor more than sixty dollars for fuel and light in any one year: *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General may, in the disbursement of this appropriation, apply a part thereof to the purpose of leasing premises for the use of post-offices of the first, second, and third classes, at a reasonable annual rental, to be paid quarterly, for a term not exceeding ten years.

For necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, cleaning, and all other matters not specifically provided for in other appropriations, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General, in his discretion, under such regulations as he shall prescribe, may authorize any of the postmasters of said offices to expend the funds he may allow them for such purposes without the written consent of the Postmaster-General.

For advertising and purchase of newspapers containing official advertisements contracted for under this appropriation at first and second class post-offices, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For rental or purchase of canceling machines and motors, and power therefor, one hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

*Provided*, That five per centum of the foregoing appropriations for the salary and allowance division of the First Assistant Postmaster-General's Bureau may be available interchangeably for expenditures on the objects named, but no one item of the appropriations shall thereby be increased more than five per centum.

For compensation to seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, fourteen thousand dollars.

For per diem allowance for seven assistant superintendents, salary and allowance division, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, ten thousand two hundred and twenty dollars.

**FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE:** For pay of letter carriers in offices already established, and for substitute letter carriers, and for temporary carriers at summer resorts, holiday, election, and emergency service, seventeen million four hundred and thirty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.

For pay of letter carriers in new offices entitled to free-delivery service under existing law, ninety thousand dollars.

For horse-hire allowance, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For car fare and bicycle allowance, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

*Provided*, That ten per centum of the foregoing amounts for free-delivery service may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the objects named, but no one item of appropriation shall thereby be increased more than ten per centum.

For compensation to twenty mechanics employed exclusively in painting, repairing, and erecting street letter boxes, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each, eighteen thousand dollars.

For marine postal service Detroit, Michigan, four thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to four assistant superintendents city delivery service, at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, eight thousand dollars.

Rent, light, and fuel.  
*Proviso.*  
Limit of rent, etc., for third-class offices.

Leases authorized.

Miscellaneous.

*Proviso.*  
Expenditures without written consent.

Advertising, etc.

Canceling machines.

*Proviso.*  
Interchangeable expenditures.

Salary and allowance division.  
Assistant superintendents.

Per diem.

Free delivery.  
Letter carriers.

New offices.

Horse hire.  
Car fare, etc.

*Proviso.*  
Interchangeable expenditures.

Letter boxes.

Marine postal service, Detroit, Mich.

Assistant superintendents.

- Per diem.** For per diem allowance for four assistant superintendents city delivery service when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, five thousand two hundred dollars.
- Incidental expenses.** For all other incidental expenses, including letter boxes, package boxes, posts, furniture, satchels, and straps, two hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred dollars.
- Special delivery.** For car fare for special-delivery messengers in emergent cases, ten thousand dollars.  
For fees to special-delivery messengers, seven hundred and forty-two thousand dollars.  
In all, nineteen million five hundred and five thousand four hundred and fifty dollars.
- Rural free delivery, Division special agents.** **RURAL FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE:** For compensation of seven special agents in charge of divisions, at two thousand four hundred dollars each, sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Clerks.** For compensation to clerks at division headquarters: Six clerks, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; six clerks, at one thousand one hundred dollars each; six clerks, at one thousand dollars each; six clerks, at nine hundred dollars; and three laborers, at seven hundred dollars each, twenty-seven thousand three hundred dollars.
- Special agents.** For compensation to fifteen special agents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; fifteen special agents, at one thousand five hundred dollars each; fifteen special agents, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; and fifteen special agents, at one thousand three hundred dollars each, eighty-seven thousand dollars.
- Per diem.** For per diem allowance for sixty special agents of the rural free-delivery service, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed four dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, seventy-two thousand dollars.
- Route inspectors.** For compensation to seventy-one route inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each, and four route inspectors, at nine hundred dollars each, eighty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Per diem.** For per diem allowance for seventy-five route inspectors of the rural free-delivery service, when actually traveling on business of the Post-Office Department, at a rate to be fixed by the Postmaster-General, not to exceed three dollars per day, and for other necessary official expenses, sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.
- Incidentals.** For incidental expenses of special agents in charge of divisions, special agents, route inspectors, and for livery hire, and so forth, twenty thousand dollars.
- Letter boxes, furniture, etc.** For incidental expenses, including letter boxes, furniture, satchels, straps, badges, and so forth, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- Letter carriers.** For pay of letter carriers of rural free-delivery service, seven million dollars. In all, for rural free-delivery service, seven million five hundred and twenty-nine thousand four hundred dollars: *Provided*, That on and after July first, nineteen hundred and two, the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, authorized to classify the rural free-delivery service and fix the compensation to employees in such service as follows:
- Proviso, Classification and compensation.** Special agents, Special agents in charge of divisions at not exceeding two thousand four hundred dollars per annum.  
Special agents, four classes, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at one thousand three hundred, one thousand four hundred, one thousand five hundred, and not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars per annum.
- Route inspectors.** Route inspectors, four classes, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at nine hundred, one thousand, one thousand one hundred, and not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Clerks, four classes, graded in even hundreds of dollars, at nine hundred, one thousand, one thousand one hundred, and not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars per annum.

Clerks.

Carriers at salary not exceeding six hundred dollars per annum and no other or further allowance or salary shall be made to said carriers. But the carriers shall not be prohibited from doing an express-package business provided it does not interfere with the discharge of their official duties.

Carriers.

Under such regulations as the Postmaster-General may prescribe, a substitute carrier may be employed, at the expense of the regular carrier, to temporarily perform the service on any rural free-delivery mail route.

Substitute carriers.

The Postmaster-General may allow such per diem and other incidental expenses in connection with the rural free-delivery service as Congress may from time to time provide.

Per diem.

The Postmaster-General is hereby directed to investigate and report to Congress as soon as possible, the advisability and practicability of purchasing and adopting a uniform metal lock box at a price not to exceed fifty cents, for the purpose of selling the same to patrons on rural free-delivery routes at cost.

Uniform metal lock box.

Whoever shall hereafter willfully or maliciously injure, tear down, or destroy any letter box or other receptacle established by order of the Postmaster-General or approved or designated by him for the receipt or delivery of mail matter on any rural free-delivery route, or shall break open the same, or willfully or maliciously injure, deface, or destroy any mail matter deposited therein, or shall willfully take or steal such matter from or out of such letter box or other receptacle, or shall willfully aid or assist in any of the aforementioned offenses, shall for every such offense be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than three years.

Malicious injury to lock boxes, etc.

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Penalty.

That hereafter special agents, route inspectors, and examining inspectors in the rural free-delivery service shall be authorized and empowered to administer oaths to carriers and other persons employed in said service or in connection with any business relating to the same.

Oaths.

SUPPLY DIVISION: For stationery for postal service, seventy thousand dollars.

Supply division. Stationery.

For wrapping twine and tying devices, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Twine.

For wrapping paper, forty thousand dollars.

Wrapping paper.

For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, fifteen thousand dollars.

Scales, etc.

For postmarking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, forty-five thousand dollars.

Postmarking, etc. stamps.

For rubber stamps and type, metal-bodied rubber type, dates, figures, and holders, and ink and pads for rubber stamps, five thousand dollars.

Rubber stamps.

For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Packing boxes, etc.

For printing facing slips and cutting same, card slide labels, blanks and books of an urgent nature, and manifold books for the postal and registry service, fifty thousand dollars.

Printing.

Blanks, blank books, printed matter, metal advertising signs, twine, carbon paper, and articles pertaining to its use in the issue and payment of money orders, one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars:

Blank books, etc.

*Provided*, That five per centum of the foregoing amount for blanks, blank books, and so forth, may be available interchangeably for expenditure on the three following items, but no one of such items shall thereby be increased more than five per centum.

Proviso. Interchangeable expenditures.

Money-order service  
supplies.

Rubber and metal stamps and repairs thereto; ribbons, pads, and racks for the money-order service, eight thousand dollars.

Copying presses, typewriting machines, envelope opening and sealing machines, adding machines and repairs thereto, for use of the money-order service, twenty thousand dollars.

Exchange on drafts, stationery, and necessary miscellaneous expenses of the money-order service, fifteen thousand dollars.

Contracts for sup-  
plies.

And hereafter the Postmaster-General is authorized to contract for a term not exceeding four years, for the supply of any or all articles enumerated under the head of "Supply Division," when, in his judgment, it shall appear to be for the best interests of the service.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous items in the office of the First Assistant Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.

Second Assistant  
Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland mail trans-  
portation.  
Star routes.  
Proviso.  
Alaska service.

INLAND MAIL TRANSPORTATION: For inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, six million seven hundred and fifteen thousand dollars: *Provided*, That out of this appropriation the Postmaster-General is authorized to provide difficult or emergency mail service in Alaska, including the establishment and equipment of relay stations, in such manner as he may think advisable, without advertising therefor.

Steamboat routes.

For inland transportation by steamboat routes, six hundred and forty-one thousand dollars.

Messenger service.

For mail-messenger service, one million and eighty-three thousand dollars.

Pneumatic tubes.

For the transmission of mail by pneumatic tubes or other similar devices, five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; and the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized to enter into contracts for a period not exceeding four years, after public advertisement once a week for a period of six consecutive weeks in not less than five newspapers, one of which shall be published in each city where the service is to be performed. That the contracts for this service shall be subject to the provisions of the postal laws and regulations relating to the letting of mail contracts, except as herein otherwise provided, and that no advertisement shall issue until after a careful investigation shall have been made as to the needs and practicability of such service and until a favorable report, in writing, shall have been submitted to the Postmaster-General by a commission of not less than three expert postal officials, to be named by him; nor shall such advertisement issue until in the judgment of the Postmaster-General the needs of the postal service are such as to justify the expenditure involved. Advertisements shall state in general terms only the requirements of the service and in form best calculated to invite competitive bidding.

Contracts.  
Advertisement.

Investigation.

Report.

Competitive bid-  
ding.

Rejection of bids.

That the Postmaster-General shall have the right to reject any and all bids; that no contract shall be awarded except to the lowest responsible bidder, tendering full and sufficient guaranties, to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, of his ability to perform satisfactory service, and such guaranties shall include an approval bond in double the amount of the bid.

Bond.

Limit of cost.

That no contract shall be entered into in any city for the character of mail service herein provided which will create an aggregate annual rate of expenditure, including necessary power and labor to operate the tubes, and all other expenses of such service in excess of four per centum of the gross postal revenue of said city for the last preceding fiscal year.

Maximum cost per  
mile.

That no contract shall be made in any city providing for three miles or more of double lines of tube which shall involve an expenditure in



excess of seventeen thousand dollars per mile per annum, and said compensation shall cover power, labor, and all operating expenses.

That the Postmaster-General shall not, prior to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and four, enter into contracts under the provisions of this Act involving an annual expenditure in the aggregate in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars; and thereafter only such contracts shall be made as may from time to time be provided for in the annual appropriation Act for the postal service; and all provisions of law contrary to those herein contained are repealed.

For regulation, screen, or other wagon service, eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For mail bags, cord fasteners, label cases, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, two hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

For mail locks and keys, chains, tools, and machinery, and for labor and material necessary for repairing same, forty-three thousand dollars.

For rent of building for a mail-bag repair shop and lock-repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen and charwomen, oil, and repair of machinery for said shops, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

For inland transportation by railroad routes, of which a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars may be employed to pay freight on postal cards, stamped envelopes, and stamped paper, mail equipment, and other supplies from the manufactories to the post-offices and depots of distribution, thirty-six million two hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

For railway post-office car service, five million one hundred and four thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars.

**RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE:** One General Superintendent, at three thousand five hundred dollars; one Assistant General Superintendent, at three thousand dollars; one chief clerk, office of General Superintendent, at two thousand dollars; one assistant chief clerk, office of General Superintendent, at one thousand eight hundred dollars; eleven division superintendents, at two thousand seven hundred dollars each; eleven assistant division superintendents, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; twenty-two assistant superintendents, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one hundred and nine chief clerks, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; one thousand two hundred and ninety-two clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand four hundred dollars each; four hundred and ninety-one clerks, class five, at not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars each; one thousand five hundred and four clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars each; eight hundred and twenty-three clerks, class four, at not exceeding one thousand one hundred dollars each; three thousand four hundred and sixty-one clerks, class three, at not exceeding one thousand dollars each; two thousand one hundred and eighty-eight clerks, class two, at not exceeding nine hundred dollars each; six hundred and eighty clerks, class one, at not exceeding eight hundred dollars each.

For substitutes for clerks on vacation, forty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may allow railway postal clerks whose duties require them to work six days or more per week, fifty-two weeks per year, an annual vacation of fifteen days with pay.

For acting clerks, in place of clerks injured while on duty, and to enable the Postmaster-General to pay the sum of one thousand dollars to the legal representatives of any railway postal clerk who shall be killed while on duty or who, being injured while on duty, shall die within one year thereafter as the result of such injury, forty-five thousand dollars.

For actual and necessary expenses of General Superintendent, Assistant General Superintendent, chief clerk office of General

Limit of expenditures.

Wagon, etc., service.

Mail bags, etc.

Locks, keys, etc.

Repair shop.

Railroad routes.

Post-office cars.

Railway Mail Service.  
General Superintendent, superintendents, clerks, etc.

Substitute clerks.  
*Provided*.  
Annual leaves of absence.

Acting clerks.  
Allowance in case of death.

Traveling expenses.

Superintendent, assistant chief clerk office of General Superintendent, division superintendents, assistant division superintendents, chief clerks, and railway postal clerks, while actually traveling on business of the Department and away from their several designated headquarters, twenty-eight thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous expenses.

For rent, light, fuel, telegraph, and miscellaneous office expenses, schedules of mail trains, telephone service, typewriting machines, and badges for railway postal clerks, fifty thousand dollars.

Per diem, assistant superintendents.

*Proviso.*  
Allowance.

For per diem allowance of assistant superintendents, thirty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That assistant superintendents may receive a per diem allowance in lieu of actual and necessary traveling expenses at the rate of four dollars per day while actually traveling on business of the Department and away from their several designated headquarters.

In all, for Railway Mail Service, eleven million two hundred and eighty-two thousand five hundred and forty dollars. And the appointment and assignment of clerks hereunder shall be so made during the fiscal year as not to involve a greater aggregate expenditure than this sum.

Electric and cable car service.

*Proviso.*  
Rate per mile.

For inland transportation of mail by electric and cable cars, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the rate of compensation to be paid per mile shall not exceed the rate now paid to companies performing said service.

Special facilities. Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans.

*Proviso.*  
Condition.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Washington to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and forty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents: *Provided*, That no part of the appropriation made by this paragraph shall be expended unless the Postmaster-General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Kansas City to Newton, Kans.

*Proviso.*  
Condition.

For continuing necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Kansas City, Missouri, to Newton, Kansas, twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary: *Provided*, That no part of this appropriation shall be expended unless the Postmaster-General shall deem such expenditure necessary in order to promote the interest of the postal service.

Miscellaneous.

For miscellaneous items, including railway guides, city directories, and other books and periodicals necessary in connection with mail transportation, one thousand dollars.

Foreign mails. Mails to Tahiti.

For transportation of foreign mails, two million five hundred and eighty-seven thousand dollars, including additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship Company for transporting the mails by its steamers sailing from San Francisco to Tahiti; all mails made up in the United States destined for the island of Tahiti, forty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the sum paid the said Oceanic Steamship Company shall not exceed one dollar per mile, as authorized by Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An Act to provide for ocean mail service between the United States and foreign ports, and to promote commerce:" *And provided further*, That hereafter the Postmaster-General shall be authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, to cover one-half of the cost of transportation, compensation, and expense of clerks to be employed in assorting and pouching mails in transit on steamships between the United States and other postal administrations in the International Postal Union, and not exceeding forty thousand dollars for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in New York Bay to the several steamship and railway piers, and between the steamship piers in New York City and Jersey City and the post-office and railroad stations, and for transferring the foreign mail from incoming steamships in San Francisco Bay to the piers.

*Provisos.*  
Maximum.  
Vol. 26, p. 832.

Clerks on steamships.

Transfer to piers, etc., New York, Jersey City, and San Francisco.

Balance due foreign countries.

For balances due foreign countries, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, two hundred and eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter, when in the opinion of the Postmaster-General the interests of the Post-Office Department require it, the manufacturing of special-delivery and adhesive postage stamps may be done by the Treasury Department (Bureau of Engraving and Printing), in conformity with an agreement satisfactory to both the Postmaster-General and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Stamps.  
*Proviso.*  
Manufacture by Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, twelve thousand dollars.

Distribution.

For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, seven hundred and sixteen thousand dollars.

Stamped envelopes, etc.

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

Distribution.

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

Postal cards.

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

Distribution.

For registered-package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and forty-six thousand dollars.

Official, etc., envelopes.

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

Ship, etc., letters.

For payment of limited indemnity for the loss of pieces of first-class registered matter, twelve thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may increase the amount of indemnity provided for in Act of February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, an Act amendatory of section thirty-nine hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes, to not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Indemnity for lost registered mail.  
*Proviso.*  
Increase of indemnity.  
Vol. 29, p. 599.  
R. S., sec. 3926, p. 762.

For blanks, books, and printed matter of urgent or special character, including the preparation, publication, and free distribution to the public of a pamphlet containing general postal information, and for metallic advertising signs, intaglio seals, and other miscellaneous items of immediate necessity for the registry system, twenty thousand dollars.

Blanks, etc.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

For mail depreddations and post-office inspectors, including salaries of fifteen inspectors in charge of divisions at two thousand five hundred dollars per annum without per diem, and six inspectors at two thousand four hundred dollars without per diem, and fifteen inspectors at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars per annum without per diem, and fifteen inspectors at two thousand dollars per annum without per diem, and for salaries of post-office inspectors and clerks; and for per diem allowance of inspectors in the field while actually traveling on business for the Department, six hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow post-office inspectors per diem while temporarily located at any place on duty away from home, or their designated domicile, for a period not exceeding twenty consecutive days at any one place, and may make rules and regulations governing the foregoing provisions relating to per diem: *And provided further*, That of the amount herein appropriated not to exceed two thousand dollars may be expended, in the discretion of the Postmaster-General, for the purpose of securing information concerning violations of the postal laws, and for services and information looking toward the apprehension of criminals.

Mail depreddations, inspectors.

Per diem.

*Provisos.*  
Allowance.

Obtaining information, etc.

For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Rewards, etc.

Miscellaneous.  
No payments to in-  
capacitated persons.

Civil pension or  
honorable service roll  
prohibited.

Appropriations to  
meet deficiencies.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. That the appropriations herein made for the officers, clerks, and persons employed in the postal service shall not be available for the compensation of any persons permanently incapacitated for performing such service. The establishment of a civil pension roll or an honorable service roll, or the exemption of any of the officers, clerks, and persons in the postal service from the existing laws respecting employment in such service, is hereby prohibited.

SEC. 3. That if the revenues of the Post-Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this Act, a sum equal to such deficiency of the revenues of said Department is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply said deficiencies in the revenues for the Post-Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and three.

Approved, April 21, 1902.

April 22, 1902.

[Public, No. 79.]

**CHAP. 585.**—An Act Making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, and for other purposes.

Urgent deficiencies  
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 the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and two, and for other objects hereinafter stated, namely:

Executive office.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE.**

Contingent expenses.

For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery therefor, as well as record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, miscellaneous items, and furniture and carpets for offices, care of office carriage, horses, and harness, three thousand dollars.

Treasury Depart-  
ment.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT.**

Cancelling docu-  
mentary stamps, etc.

To defray the cost of cancelling documentary stamps imprinted on checks, drafts, and other instruments, where the return of such instruments is demanded by the owners, and all necessary expenses incident to such cancellation, including room rent, drayage, and boxing, to be disbursed under the direction of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, fifteen thousand dollars, to remain available during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and three.

Senate.

**SENATE.**

Miscellaneous items.  
Inquiries and in-  
vestigations.

For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, fifteen thousand dollars.

For expenses of inquiries and investigations ordered by the Senate, including compensation to stenographers to committees, at such rate as may be fixed by the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, but not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per printed page, twenty thousand dollars.

House of Representa-  
tives.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

Fuel, etc.

For fuel and oil for heating apparatus, seven thousand two hundred dollars.

Printing and bind-  
ing.

**PRINTING AND BINDING.**

Department of Jus-  
tice.

For printing and binding for the Department of Justice, six thousand dollars.