March 8, 1865. [No. 87.] A Resolution to purchase Mail Pouches or Boxes of Marshall Smith's Patent for the Postal Service, and for other Purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase of Marshall Smith such number of mail pouches or boxes (constructed on the principle of letters-patent issued April twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and May seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to said Smith) as he may deem proper to fully test their utility and value in the postal service; and also to test a new mode of fastening mail-bags, invented by Solomon Andrews, and to secure a patent for the same, and that the expense thereof shall be paid out of any appropriation heretofore made or hereafter to be made to the Post-Office Department.

Approved, March 8, 1865.