

For pay of special assistant attorneys, United States courts, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and thirty-nine cents. **Special assistant attorneys.**
 For fees of commissioners, United States courts, one thousand three hundred and fifty-five dollars and five cents. **Commissioners.**
 For fees of witnesses, United States courts, fifty-six dollars and seventy-five cents. **Witness fees.**

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY THE AUDITOR FOR THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

For advertising, seventy-one dollars and twenty-four cents. **Claims, Auditor for Post-Office Department.**
 For mail depredation and post office inspectors, twenty-six dollars. **Postal services.**
 For star transportation, thirty-four dollars and seventy-six cents. **Advertising.**
 For railroad transportation, sixty-four dollars and seventy-three cents. **Depredations.**
cents. **Star routes.**
 For railway postal clerks, twenty-seven dollars and thirty-nine cents. **Railroad routes.**
 For clerk hire, three hundred and twenty-five dollars. **Railway postal clerks.**
 For rent, light, and fuel, sixty-one dollars. **Clerk hire.**
 For compensation of postmasters, two hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety-one cents. **Rent, etc.**
Postmasters.
 To enable the Post-Master General to pay to Mary M. Force, postmaster at Selma, Alabama, the sum advanced by her in eighteen hundred and ninety, in payment of horse hire and the increased salary of B. M. Russell, a carrier of said office, when said account has been audited by the Auditor for the Post-Office Department, if the same is found to be just, one hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-two cents, and said Auditor is empowered and required to audit said account. **Mary M. Force. Reimbursement.**

Approved, June 8, 1896.

CHAP. 386.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven. **June 9, 1896.**

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.**

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

For advertising, five thousand dollars. **Postmaster-General.**
 For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars. **Advertising.**
Miscellaneous.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

For compensation to postmasters, sixteen million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That no post-office established at any county seat shall be abolished or discontinued by reason of any consolidation of post-offices made by the Postmaster-General under existing law, and any such post-office at a county seat heretofore consolidated shall be established as a separate post-office at such county seat: *Provided, however,* That this provision shall not apply to the city of Cambridge, Massachusetts, or to Towson, Maryland: *And provided further.* That hereafter no station, substation, or branch post-office shall be established beyond the corporate limits or boundaries of any city or town in which the principal office to which such station, substation, or branch office is attached is located, except in cases of villages, towns, or cities of fifteen hundred or more inhabitants not distant more than five miles as near as may be from the outer boundary or limits of such city or town in which the principal office is located. **First Assistant Postmaster-General.**
Postmasters.
Provided. Post-offices at county seats to be continued. **Restriction on establishing stations and branches.**
Exceptions.

For compensation to clerks in post-offices, ten million four hundred thousand dollars; six hundred thousand dollars of which shall be **Clerks in post-offices.**

Separating offices.	available and may be used in payment of clerk hire in third and fourth class separating post offices.
Rent, light, and fuel. <i>Proviso.</i> Limit third-class offices.	For rent, light, and fuel for first, second, and third class post-offices, one million six hundred thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , 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 lights, in any one year.
Miscellaneous. <i>Proviso.</i> Expenditures.	For necessary miscellaneous and incidental items directly connected with first and second class post-offices, including furniture, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: <i>Provided</i> , 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 fund he may allow them for such purposes without the written consent of the Postmaster-General.
Advertising.	For advertising at first and second class post-offices, fifteen thousand dollars.
Free delivery.	FREE-DELIVERY SERVICE.
Letter carriers.	For pay of letter carriers, twelve million two hundred and forty thousand three hundred dollars;
Marine delivery.	For marine free-delivery service, three thousand five hundred dollars;
Horse hire.	For horse hire allowance, three hundred and forty-four thousand dollars;
Car fare, etc.	For car fare and bicycle allowance, one hundred and seventy thousand dollars;
Boxes, etc.	For street letter boxes, posts, and pedestals, fifteen thousand four hundred dollars;
Mechanics.	For package boxes, ten thousand two hundred and fifty dollars;
	Twelve mechanics in the six largest cities, exclusively employed in repairing boxes and locks, and erecting boxes, planting posts and pedestals, at nine hundred dollars per annum, ten thousand eight hundred dollars;
Incidentals.	Incidental expenses, including repairs, painting, freight, straps, time cards, maps, directories, furniture, and so forth, twenty-four thousand dollars;
<i>Provisos.</i> Interchange of objects.	In all, twelve million eight hundred and eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty dollars: <i>Provided</i> , 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: <i>Provided further</i> , That ten thousand dollars of this amount may be used to defray the expense of experiments in rural free delivery under the direction of the Postmaster-General, and that the amount heretofore appropriated for this purpose and still unexpended be available for said experiments.
Rural free delivery.	
Stationery.	For stationery in post offices, fifty thousand dollars.
Twine.	For wrapping twine, eighty thousand dollars.
Paper.	For wrapping paper, fifty thousand dollars.
Scales.	For letter balances, scales, and test weights, and repairs to same, ten thousand dollars.
Canceling, etc. stamps.	For postmarking and rating stamps, and repairs to same, and ink and pads for stamping and canceling purposes, thirty thousand dollars.
Packing boxes, etc.	For packing boxes, sawdust, paste, and hardware, one thousand five hundred dollars.
Printing.	For printing facing slips and cutting same, card slide labels, blanks and books of an urgent nature for the postal service, fifteen thousand dollars.
Canceling machines.	For rental of canceling machines, sixty thousand dollars.

Second Assistant
Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Inland mail transportation.
Star routes.

For inland mail transportation, namely: Inland transportation by star routes, including temporary service to newly established offices, five million three hundred and fifty-four thousand dollars.

For inland transportation by steamboat routes, four hundred thousand dollars.

Steamboat routes.

For mail-messenger service, one million one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. And the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, use not exceeding the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars of this amount in the transportation of mail by pneumatic tube or other similar devices.

Messenger service.

Regulation, screen or other wagon service, six hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

Pneumatic tubes, etc.
Wagon, etc., service.

For mail bags and mail-bag catchers, cord fasteners, label cases, and for labor and material necessary for repairing equipment, three hundred and forty-five thousand dollars.

Bags, catchers, etc.

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

Locks, keys, etc.

For the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to rent a building for a mail-bag repair shop and lock-repair shop, and for fuel, gas, watchmen and charwoman, oil, and repair of machinery for same, eight thousand five hundred dollars.

Repair shop.

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

Railroad routes.

For railway post-office car service, three million four hundred thousand dollars.

Post-office cars.

For railway post-office clerks, seven million seven hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars, of which sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars may be used to pay necessary traveling expenses of chief clerks and railway postal clerks traveling on duty under order of the Postmaster-General.

Railway mail clerks.

For transportation of mail by electric and cable cars on routes not exceeding twenty miles in length, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Electric and cable car service.

For necessary and special facilities on trunk lines from Boston, Massachusetts, by way of New York and Washington, to Atlanta and New Orleans, one hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-two 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. All railway companies carrying mail may furnish free transportation on the line of their respective roads to railway mail clerks.

Special facilities.

Proviso.
Condition.

Free transportation to clerks.

For miscellaneous items, one thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous.

For transportation of foreign mails, one million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, 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 ten thousand dollars for transferring the foreign mail between the steamship piers in New York City and Jersey City and the post-office and railroad stations.

Foreign mails.

Proviso.
Clerks on steamers.

Transfer at New York.

For additional compensation to the Oceanic Steamship Company for transporting the mails by its steamers sailing from San Francisco to New Zealand and New South Wales by way of Honolulu, all mails made up in the United States destined for the Hawaiian Islands, the Australian Colonies, New Caledonia, and the islands in the Pacific Ocean, eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That said additional sum with the sum now paid shall not exceed two dollars 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."

Oceanic Steamship Company.
Pacific mails.

Proviso.
Limit.

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For balance due foreign countries, one hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

Balance due foreign countries.

OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

- Stamps. For manufacture of adhesive postage and special-delivery stamps, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.
- Distribution. For rent of office for use of the agent of the Post-Office Department to supervise the distribution of stamps of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, six hundred dollars.
For pay of agents and assistants to distribute stamps, and expenses of agency, twelve thousand dollars.
- Stamped envelopes, etc. For manufacture of stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, eight hundred and thirty thousand dollars.
- Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, and expenses of agency, seventeen thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Postal cards. For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and eighty-six thousand dollars.
- Distribution. For pay of agent and assistants to distribute postal cards, and expenses of agency, seven thousand eight hundred dollars.
- Official, etc., envelopes. For registered package, tag, official, and dead-letter envelopes, one hundred and five thousand dollars.
- Ship, etc., letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, one thousand dollars.
- Printing drafts, etc. For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, one thousand dollars.
- Miscellaneous. For miscellaneous items, five hundred dollars.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE FOURTH ASSISTANT POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

- Mail depredations. For mail depredations and post-office inspectors, three hundred thousand dollars.
 - Rewards, etc. For payment of rewards for the detection, arrest, and conviction of post-office burglars, robbers, and highway mail robbers, twenty-five thousand dollars.
 - Detailed estimates, money-order system. The Postmaster-General shall for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and annually thereafter, submit in the annual estimates to Congress estimates in detail for all expenses of the money-order branch of the postal service.
 - Appropriation to meet deficiencies. 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, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.
- Approved, June 9, 1896.

June 9, 1896.

CHAP. 387.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of the salmon fisheries of Alaska."

Salmon fisheries, Alaska. Vol. 25, p. 1009, amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, and entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of the salmon fisheries of Alaska," is hereby amended and reenacted as follows:

Obstructions in streams preventing ascent of salmon prohibited.

"That the erection of dams, barricades, fish wheels, fences, or any such fixed or stationary obstructions in any part of the rivers or streams of Alaska, or to fish for or catch salmon or salmon trout in any manner or by any means with the purpose or result of preventing or impeding the ascent of salmon to their spawning ground, is declared to be unlawful, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to remove such obstructions and to establish and enforce such regulations and surveillance as may be necessary to insure that this prohibition and all other provisions of law relating to the salmon fisheries of Alaska are strictly complied with.