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PASSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

[GENERAL NATURE, No. 89.—*Continued.*]

Court-house and post office at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: For continuation of the construction of the building, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. And the entire cost of said building, exclusive of cost of site, shall not exceed four million dollars.

Custom-house and post office at Saint Louis, Missouri: For continuation of building, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Treasury building at Washington, District of Columbia: For annual repairs, twenty thousand dollars; for remodeling of heating apparatus in south and east wings, thirty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty cents.

Branch-mint building at San Francisco, California: For approaches, paving, grading, fencing, and grounds, one hundred and eight thousand and sixty-two dollars; for heating and ventilating, twenty-five thousand six hundred and forty-seven dollars and eighty-two cents; for furniture, counters, cases, glass-fixtures, carpets, and mats, forty-nine thousand six hundred and thirty-three dollars; in all, one hundred and eighty-three thousand three hundred and forty-two dollars and eighty-two cents.

For machinery and fitting up the new mint building at San Francisco, eighteen thousand dollars, to be available immediately; and for fitting up a refinery in said mint, thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars.

For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for repairing and fitting up the old branch-mint building at San Francisco for subtreasury and other Government offices, thirty thousand dollars.

That the act entitled "An act for the erection of a public building for the use of the United States in Atlanta, Georgia," approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby, continued; and the sum of money authorized to be expended in the construction of said building is hereby fixed at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and all restrictions as to the materials in said act are hereby repealed; no sum of money in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be expended in the construction of said building; and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

That the act entitled "An act for the erection of a public building for the use of the United States at Nashville, Tennessee," approved January twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the sum of money authorized to be expended in the erection of said building is hereby fixed at three hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars; and all restrictions as to materials in said act are hereby repealed; and no sum of money in excess of the amount fixed by this act shall be expended in the construction of said building; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions hereof are hereby repealed.

For the repair and preservation of all the public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, twenty-two hundred thousand dollars.

For continuation of construction of the building for the State, War, and Navy Departments, seven hundred thousand dollars.

For furniture for the new building to be occupied by the State Department, seventy-five thousand dollars; to be available immediately.

For furniture, and repairs of the same, and for carpets, for public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, of this amount, twenty thousand dollars shall be available immediately.

For fuel, light, and water, and miscellaneous items required by janitors and firemen in the proper care of the public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

For heating apparatus for public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, two hundred thousand dollars.

For heating and lighting the south wing of the new building for the State, War, and Navy Departments, nine thousand five hundred dollars.

For vaults, safes, and locks for public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For photographing, engraving and printing plans of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, five thousand dollars.

For pay of custodians and janitors of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mint of the United States at Carson: For wages of workmen and adjusters, twenty thousand dollars; for incidental and contingent expenses, twenty thousand dollars. And so much of the amounts hereby appropriated for the mint at Carson as may be necessary is made available for the expenditure during the current fiscal year.

New York assay-office: For incidental expenses of the New York assay-office, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Loss in the redemption of old copper cents, being the difference between the nominal value of the old copper cents and the value of the same as metal, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

That all balances in the Treasury remaining unexpended on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, of appropriations heretofore made for buildings and sites of buildings named in this act, and all balances of appropriations heretofore made, and sufficient for the completion of buildings under the Supervising Architect of the Treasury not named in this act, during the next fiscal year, be, and they are hereby, made available for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

Sec. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to inquire into the amounts of liabilities due from the Choctaw tribe of Indians to individuals, as referred to in articles twelve and thirteen of the treaty of June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, between the United States and the Choctaws and Chickasaw tribes of Indians, and to report the same to the next session of Congress, with a view of ascertaining what amounts, if any, should be deducted from the same due from the United States to said Choctaw tribe, for the purpose of enabling the said tribe to pay its liabilities, and thereby to enable Congress to provide a fund to be held for educational and other purposes for said tribe, as provided for in article thirteen of the treaty aforesaid.

Sec. 4. That the clause in the act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, which provides that "the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to the census-takers of eighteen hundred and sixty, or their assigns, the sums set to their credit now in the Treasury of the United States, any provision of existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding," is hereby re-enacted and declared to include as entitled to payment and to be paid, both marshals and assistant marshals employed in taking said census.

Sec. 5. That section six of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be amended by striking out the following words, viz: "Contingent expenses of foreign intercourse proper, and of all missions abroad, such as"

Sec. 6. To enable the Secretary of War to carry out the provisions of the act approved April twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act to provide for the relief of the persons suffering from the overflow of the Lower Mississippi River," and also of the joint resolution authorizing the President to issue Army rations and clothing to destitute people on the Tombigbee, Warrior, and Alabama Rivers, approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the sum of four hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of purchasing supplies of food to be issued under his direction to any and all classes of destitute or helpless persons living on or near the Lower Mississippi, Tombigbee, Warrior and Alabama Rivers, who have been rendered so by reason of the recent overflow; and that the Secretary of War make detailed reports to the Congress of the expenditure under this act, and of the act and joint resolution aforesaid: *Provided*, That the authority hereby conferred upon the Secretary of War shall expire on the first day of September, eighteen hundred and seventy-four; and none of the moneys hereby or formerly appropriated shall be expended except in cases where the Secretary of War shall be satisfied that there is an actual and pressing case of destitution, and that such destitution directly caused by said overflow: *Provided further*, That any balances remaining unexpended from the appropriation provided for in the act of the twenty-third of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, aforesaid, may be used for the purposes expressed in either said act or said joint resolution: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of War may use any of the money hereby or formerly appropriated for the relief of the destitute people upon the Tennessee River when satisfied that their necessities arise from the recent overflow of said river.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

[GENERAL NATURE—No. 90.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and for other purposes.

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 for the service of the Post Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, out of any money in the Treasury arising from the revenues of said Department, in conformity to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

For inland-mail transportation, sixteen million four hundred thousand dollars.

For pay of mail messengers, six hundred and forty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-three dollars.

For pay of route-agents, nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand and thirty-five dollars.

For pay of mail-route messengers, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

For pay of local agents, one hundred and ten thousand three hundred and eighty-three dollars.

For pay of railway-post-office clerks, one million three hundred and twenty thousand and fourteen dollars.

For pay of baggage-masters, one thousand dollars.

For foreign mail-transportation, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.

For ship, steamboat, and way letters, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For pay of postmasters, six million five hundred thousand dollars.

For pay of clerks for post-offices, three million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For pay of letter-carriers, one million nine hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter letter-carriers shall not be employed for the free delivery of mail matter in towns and cities whose population within their corporate limits, as shown by the last report of the national census or by any subsequent census taken in pursuance of State statute or by order of the mayor and common council of such town or city, shall be less than thirty thousand; but this proviso shall not affect the free delivery in towns and cities where it is now established. And for the more efficient management of the free-delivery system, the Postmaster General may designate a fourth-class clerk to act as superintendent of free delivery in the Post Office Department at an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and for this purpose the sum of seven hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

For wrapping-paper, twenty-seven thousand dollars.

For twine, forty-eight thousand dollars.

For letter-balances, three thousand dollars.

For office furniture, six thousand five hundred dollars.

For advertising, eighty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter no payment shall be made to any newspaper published in the District of Columbia for advertising any other routes than those in Virginia and Maryland.

For manufacture of adhesive postage-stamps, one hundred and eighteen thousand six hundred and sixty-seven dollars.

For stamped envelopes and wrappers, five hundred and thirty-five thousand four hundred and twenty-four dollars: *Provided*, That hereafter no envelope, as furnished by the Government, shall contain any lithographing and engraving, nor any printing except a printed request to return the letter to the writer.

For pay of distributing agents and assistants, ten thousand two hundred dollars.

For manufacture of postal cards, one hundred and sixty-eight thousand two hundred and seventy dollars.

For pay of agents and assistants to distribute postal cards, five thousand six hundred dollars.

For payments on account of mail-depredations and for special agents, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

For mail-bags and mail-bag catchers, one hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

For mail-locks and keys, fifty thousand dollars.

For postmarking and cancelling stamps, nine thousand dollars.

For preparing and publishing post-route maps, thirty thousand dollars.

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

For rent of post-offices, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For fuel for post-offices, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For light for post-offices, one hundred and sixty thousand dollars.

For stationery and miscellaneous items, sixty thousand dollars.

For registered-package envelopes and seals, forty-two thousand six hundred and eighty dollars.

For official envelopes for postmasters, sixty thousand dollars.

For envelopes for returning dead letters, four thousand five hundred and eighty-five dollars.

For fees to marshals, attorneys, and clerks of courts, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For engraving, printing, and binding drafts and warrants, three thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items, two thousand five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

For steamship service between San Francisco, Japan, and China, five hundred thousand dollars.

For steamship service between the United States and Brazil, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.*

For steamship service between San Francisco and the Sandwich Islands, seventy-five thousand dollars.

For official postage stamps, nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For the purchase of law books for the use of the Post Office Department, two thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. That if the revenues of the Post Office Department shall be insufficient to meet the appropriations made by this act, then the sum of five million four hundred and ninety-seven thousand eight hundred and forty-two dollars, 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 the revenue of the Post Office Department for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

SEC. 4. That the Revised Statutes of the United States shall not be published by the United States in any newspaper, anything in existing laws to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 5. That on and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, all newspapers and periodical publications mailed from a known office of publication or news agency, and addressed to regular subscribers or news agents, postage shall be charged at the following rates: On newspapers and periodical publications issued weekly and more frequently than once a week, two cents for each pound or fraction thereof, and on those issued less frequently than once a week, three cents for each pound or fraction thereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be held to change or amend section ninety-nine of the act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate and amend the statutes relating to the Post Office Department," approved June eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

SEC. 6. That on and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, upon the receipt of such newspapers and periodical publications at the office of mailing, they shall be weighed in bulk, and postage paid thereon by a special adhesive stamp, to be devised and furnished by the Postmaster General, which shall be affixed to such matter, or to the sack containing the same, or upon a memorandum of such mailing, or otherwise, as the Postmaster-General may, from time to time, provide by regulation.

SEC. 7. That newspapers, one copy to each actual subscriber residing within the county, where the same are printed, in whole or in part, and published, shall go free through the mails; but the same shall not be delivered at letter-carrier offices or distributed by carriers unless postage is paid thereon as by law provided.

SEC. 8. That all mailable matter of the third class, referred to in section one hundred and thirty-three of the act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate and amend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, may weigh not exceeding four pounds for each package thereof, and postage shall be charged thereon at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof; but nothing herein contained shall be held to change or amend section one hundred and thirty-four of said act.

SEC. 9. That the Postmaster General, when in his judgment it shall be necessary, may prescribe, by regulation, an affidavit in form, to be taken by such publisher of any newspaper or periodical publication sent through the mails under the provisions of this act, or news agent who distributes any of such newspapers or periodical publications under the provisions of this act, or employee of such publisher or news agent, stating that he will not send, or knowingly permit to be sent, through the mails any copy or copies of such newspaper or periodical publications except to regular subscribers thereto, or news agents, without prepayment of the postage thereon at the rate of one cent for each two ounces or fractional part thereof; and if such publisher or news agent, or employee of such publisher or news agent, when required by the Postmaster General or any special agent of the Post Office Department to make such affidavit, shall refuse so to do, and shall thereafter, without having made such affidavit deposit any newspapers in the mail for transmission, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction, shall be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars for each refusal; and if any such person shall knowingly and wilfully mail any such matter without the payment of postage as provided by this act, or procure the same to be done with the intent to avoid the prepayment of postage due thereon; or if any postmaster or post-office official shall knowingly permit any such matter to be mailed without the prepayment of postage as provided in this act, and in violation of the provisions of the same, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, one or both, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 10. That so much of this act as changes the rate of postage on newspapers and periodical publications shall not take effect until the first day of January next.

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All scaffolding required by the contractors to put the work in place will be furnished free of government, free of charge, but will be erected by the contractors.
Proposals will be made by the piece, superficial or lineal foot, or weight, for the various items of work as provided for in the Schedule.
The whole of the Wrought and Cast-Iron work must be delivered as rapidly as may be called for by the Superintendent, and required by the progress of the building. Namely, the niches and ventilating fines for the south prison wing, for which 186 will be required, as follows: the niches for first tier of cells and the single fines within four weeks from date of acceptance of proposal; the niches for second-tier cells and double fines within six weeks from same date; the niches for third-tier cells and quadruple fines within eight weeks from same date, and the niches for fourth-tier cells and quadruple fines within ten weeks from same date. The cast-iron ceilings for cells and corrugated iron for ceilings of main prison for south wing within eleven weeks from same date.
The niches, flues, ceilings, and corrugated iron for the north wing may not be required until next summer, and notice will therefore be made by the contractor until specifically ordered. Grating doors, door frames, &c., for centre wings will be required within eleven weeks from date of acceptance of proposal.
Payments will be made monthly, deducting 10 per cent., until the final completion of the contract.
All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond of two responsible persons, in the sum of four thousand dollars, ($4,000,) that the bidder will accept and perform the contract, if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the District wherein he resides.
The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids if it be deemed for the interest of the Government to do so, or to order more or less of any item at the same rate proposed in the Schedule at its option.
Every bid must be made on the printed form to be obtained at this office, and must conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, or it will not be considered.
Proposals will not be received from parties who are not themselves engaged in the manufacture of Wrought and Cast-Iron Work, and who have not the necessary facilities for getting over the ground.
Proposals will be enclosed in a sealed envelope, endorsed "Bid for Wrought and Cast-Iron Work for New Jail, District of Columbia," and addressed to A. B. MULLETT, Supervising Architect.
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PROPOSALS FOR INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.
TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COM. OF INTERNAL REVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17, 1874.
Proposals will be received until TUESDAY, the 25th day of August next, at 12 o'clock noon, for printing upon paper to be furnished for that purpose by the office, Internal Revenue Stamps of the following classes, denominations, and sizes, in present use, and as hereinafter specified, viz:
CLASS I.
Beer Stamps.—Hogsheads, barrels, half barrels, third barrels, quarter barrels, sixth barrels.
CLASS II.
Stamps for Distilled Spirits, Tax Paid.—Ten gallons, twenty gallons, thirty gallons, forty gallons, fifty gallons, sixty gallons, seventy gallons, eighty gallons, one hundred gallons, one hundred and ten gallons, one hundred and twenty gallons, and one hundred and thirty gallons.
CLASS III.
Stamps for Distilled Spirits Other Than Tax Paid.—Distillery warehouse, rectified spirits and wholesale liquor dealers.
CLASS IV.
Stamps for Tobacco and Snuff, Strip.—One ounce, two ounces, four ounces, eight ounces and sixteen ounces of tobacco, and one half ounce, one ounce, two ounces, four ounces, eight ounces and sixteen ounces snuff.
CLASS V.
Stamps for Tobacco and Snuff, Square.—One half pound, one pound, two pounds, three pounds, five pounds, ten pounds, fifteen pounds, twenty pounds, twenty-one pounds, twenty-two pounds, twenty-four pounds and sixty pounds; also, one half pound, one pound, two pounds, three pounds, five pounds, ten pounds and twenty pounds snuff.
CLASS VI.
Stamps for Cigars and Cigarettes.—Twenty-fives, fifties, one hundreds, two hundred and fifties, five hundreds and cigarettes.
CLASS VII.
Exportation Stamps for Tobacco, Exportation Stamps for Spirits, Brewers' Bond Stamps.
Class I—To be printed and prepared for issue in sheets, twenty stamps on a sheet.
Class II—To be engraved with the coupons, and one stub attached to each stamp; each stamp and stub to be numbered in serial numbers and bound in book form, each book to contain four hundred stamps, four on a page, and book lettered and numbered.
Class III—Each stamp to have an engraved stub attached, stamps and stubs to be numbered in serial numbers and bound in book form; each book to contain four hundred stamps, four on a page, and book lettered and numbered.
The fifteen-pound stamps to be as above, with the addition of nine coupons attached to each stamp.
Small Stamps as follows:
One half to five pounds, inclusive, to be printed without perforation, and issued in sheets, twelve stamps to a sheet.
Ten and twenty pounds to be engraved with stubs attached, and bound in book form; each book to contain four hundred stamps, four stamps on a page, and book lettered and numbered.
Class VI.—Twenty-fives, fifties, and one hundreds, to be printed and perforated, to be issued in sheets, twelve stamps on a sheet.
Two hundred and fifties and five hundreds, to be printed and perforated, to be prepared for issue in sheets, five stamps on a sheet.
Cigarettes stamps to be printed, perforated and prepared for issue in sheets, twenty stamps on a sheet.
Class VII.—Each stamp to have an engraved stub attached; stamps and stubs to be numbered in serial numbers and bound in book form; each book to contain four hundred stamps, four on a page, and book lettered and numbered.
The stamps indicated in Classes I, II, III and V are to be printed in two colors; the tint or border may be of surface or plate printing, and the vignette and lettering in a lower tint, to be of contrasting.
Specimens of the above mentioned stamps may be seen at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., and sizes and descriptions taken therefrom.
A statement of the number of stamps issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1874, may also be seen at the office of the Commissioner, which will state the price per thousand stamps, deliverable at their places of business, including the cost of packing for shipment, which will also be the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, in Washington.
Bids will not be accepted for less quantities than an entire class, or where stamps are printed in two colors bids may be for one printing for all the stamps embraced in that class.
Where bids are for the second printing only—that is, for the printing of the vignette and lettering, such bids should also include the cost of ruling and binding.
Each bid should be accompanied with a specimen of the style of engraving, and the accepted bidder, before the final consummation of a contract, will be required to furnish proof impressions of the engravings of the several kinds and denominations of stamps.
The contract will require all designs, dies and plates to be prepared, and dies and plates to be kept bright and sharp, and that new and additional designs, dies and plates shall be made for the present kinds and denominations of stamps or others, without charge, at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and all such designs, dies and plates to be the property of and delivered to the United States Treasury Department at the termination of the contract, or whenever demanded by the said Department; that the stamps shall be prepared and delivered of such kinds and denominations, and in such quantities and at such times, as the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the time being may direct, and that all measures and precautions which the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shall deem necessary to take, in order to protect the Government against fraud or negligence on the part of the contractor or his employees shall be taken at the proper charge and expense of the contractor.
No bids will be considered except from parties who have been, or are actually engaged in the business of steel engraving and printing, and provided with all the necessary facilities to execute the work promptly, and give the requisite protection to the stamps, dies and plates in their possession.
Parties not known to the Department will furnish proof as to these points.
Bidders will state the time from the date of the contract, if awarded, when they will be ready to commence delivering the stamps, and their daily capacity for delivering thereafter.
Each bid must be accompanied by a guarantee of at least two responsible persons, that in case the bid is accepted and a contract entered into, they will become sureties in such reasonable sum as may be required by the Government for the faithful performance of the contract.
The contract will be made for not less than one nor more than three years, as may be agreed upon.
In awarding the contract or work, the Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in case it shall appear to be for the interest of the Government to do so.
Proposals should be carefully sealed, and marked "Proposals for Revenue Stamps," and addressed to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
J. W. DOUGLASS, Commissioner of Internal Revenue.
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PROPOSALS FOR DREDGING.
ENGINEER OFFICE, U. S. ARMY, No. 104 STATE STREET, NEW LONDON, CONN., July 20, 1874.
Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 m. on the 25th day of August, 1874, as follows:
For dredging at the following places:
1. Bonnington Harbor, Conn.
2. Bridgeport Harbor, Conn.
3. Norwalk River, Conn.
Specifications in regard to the works and blank forms for proposals and guaranty, upon which all bids must be made, will be sent on application to this office.
J. W. BARLOW, Major of Engineers, Bvt. Lt. Col. U. S. A.
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THE ARTIFICIAL STONE COMPANY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA are prepared to supply, at short notice, Piling for Foundations, Sidewalks, Footways, and Paving, in different colors;