Official. LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES, PARKED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE 424 CONGRESS.

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[GENERAL NATURE—NO. 118.]

AN ACT to review, consolidate, and assend the statutes relating to the Post-Office Department.

Be it emerted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That there shall be stabilished, at the seat of Covernment of the United States of America, a Department to be known as the Fost-Office Department.

SEO. 2. That the principal efficace of the Post-Office Department shall be one Pertmester General and three Ansistant Postmesters General, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and concept of the Senate, and who may be removed in the same nature; and the term of offices of the President General shall be for and during the term of the President by whom he is appointed, and for one mouth thereafter, nother second resource.

SEO. 2. That the Pu tenanter General may appoint the intowing employees in the Post-Office Department; One chief clerk for the Post-master General and one for each of the Assistant Postmasters General and one for each of the Assistant Postmasters General, one superintendent of Post-Office heliding and disturning clerk, one superintendent and one shief clerk of five normal or superintendent and considered of foreign mails, one topographer for Post-Office Department, one ambetiant attracey general for the Post-Office Department, one halfs of division of dead-letter, and upperintendent of the blank-agency, one assistant superintendent and the Assistant of the Department of the Distable Agency, one assistant measurement for the Assistant Fostmasters General and one for cach of the Assistant Postmasters General, four assistant measurement of the Postmasters General, four assistant measurement of the Postmasters General and one for cach of the Assistant Postmasters General, four assistant measurement of the Assistant conference of the Assistant Conference, one cache of the Assistant Conference, one cache of the Assistant Conference of the Conference of the Confe effect. The the principal efficies of the Post-Office.

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SEC, 71. That every postmanter shall direct, of all postagre-strainers as the Postmaster-General shall direct, of all postagre-strainers and envelopes and of all postal books, blank, and prosperty received from his postacours, or from the department or any of its agenter, and show of all receipts in money for postages and on the contract of the postal envise, and of all other receipts on account of the postal envise, and of any other consocious which tray be required by the Postanster-General and these receipts on account of the postal envise, and delivered to his moreous, and shall be at all times and cotto examination by any special agent of the department to examination by any special agent of the department.

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Site, 34. That the Postmarter-General may employ, when the service requires it, the sanishast postmarters general and superintandents in his department as special agents; and he may allow them therefor not exceeding the amount expended by them as necessary traveling expenses while as amprigated.

> SEC. 73. That the Postmaster-General may require SEC. 73. That the Postmaster-General may require a sworm statement to accompany each quarterly account of a postmaster, to the effect that such account on the count of a postmaster, to the effect that such account contains a true statement of the entire amount of postage, box-rents, charges, and moneys collected or received at his office during the quarter; that he has not knowingly delivered, or permitted to be delivered, any mail-matter on which the postage was not at the time paid; that such account exhibits truly and faithfully the entire receipts collected at his office, and which, by due diligence, could have been collected; and that the credits he claims are just and right. And any false swearing therein shall reader him liable to the pains and panalties of perjury.
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soften as once a week at least, and as much offener the Postmaster General may direct.

SEC. 77. That postmasters shall prumptly report to se Postmaster General every definquency, neglect, or salpracticle of the contractors, their agents, or carriers, hich may come to their knowledge.

SEC. 78. That no postmaster, assetsant postmaster, clerk employed in any post-offic shall be a contractor or concerned in any contract for carrying the mail.

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SEC, 83. That the readjusting the salary of a postmaster of the bird, fourth, or fifth class show that the salary allowed is twenty per coulin less than it would be or the basis of commission, the Postmaster General shall readjust the same.

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the aggregate, more than the amount of his salary and his commission on the money-order nusiness as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 36. That the Postmanter General may designate offices at the intersection of mail-routes as distributing or separating offices and where any such effect for the third, fourth or fifth class, he may make a reasonable allowance to the postmaster for the necessary cost of closical survices arising from such duties.

SEC. 87. That the Postmaster timeral may allow to the postmaster as New York city, and to the postmaster as a offices of the first and second classes, out of the surplus revenues of their respective offices, that is to may, the excess of box rents and commissions over and above the salary assigned to the office, a reasonable sum for the necessary cost, of rent, fuel, lights, furniture, stationery printing, clerks, and necessary incidentas, to be adjusted on a satisfactory exhibit of the ficts, and ne such allowance shall be made except upon the critics of the footmaster timeral.

SEC. 80. That the salary of the postmaster, and such other orponess of the postmaster which appropriations have been made, may be deducted out of the receipts of his office, under the direction of the Postmaster General.

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SEC. 98. That the Postmaster General, when the public convenience requires it, may establish within any post-office delivery one or more branch-offices, for the receipt and delivery of mail-matter and the sale of stamps and envelopes; and he shall prescribe the rules and regulations for the government thereof. But no letter shall be sent for delivery to any branch-office contrary to the request of the party to whom it is addressed.

SEC. 99. That the rate of postage on newspapers, excepting weeklies, periodicals not exceeding two ounces in weight, and circulars when the same are deposited in a letter-carrier office for delivery by the office or is carriers, shall be uniform at one cent each; but periodicals weighing more than two ounces shall be subject to a postage of two ounces shall be subject to a p

y stamps.

SEC. 100. That no extra postage or carriers' less shall be charged or collected upon any mail-matter collected or delivered by car-SEC. 101. That all expenses of letter-car-

SEC. 101. That all expenses of letter-carriers, branch-offices, and receiving-boxes, or incident thereto, shall be kept and reported in a separate account, and shall be shown in comparison with the proceeds from postage on local mail-matter at each office, and the Postmaster General shall be guided in the expenditures for this branch of the service by the income derived therefrom.

SEC. 102. That to promote public convenience, and to secure greater security in the

once, and to secure greater security in the ransfer of money through the mail, the Postmaster General may establish, under such rules and regulations as he may deem expellent, a uniform money-order system, at all suitable post-offices, which shall be designated as "money-order offices," SEC. 103. That the Postmaster General

SEC. 103. That the Postmaster General may conclude arrangements with the post departments of foreign governments, with which postal conventions have been or may be concluded, for the exchange, by means of postal orders, of small sums of money, not exceeding fifty dollars in amount, at such rates of exchange, and compensation to postmasters, and under such rules and regulations as he may deem expedient; and the expenses of establishing and conducting such system exchange as may be paid out of the system exchange as may be paid out of the roceeds of the money-order business. Sec. 104. That the postmaster at a moneyorder office shall issue, in such manner and form as the d'ostmaster General may pre-scribe, an order for a specified sum of money, payable by the postmaster at any other mo ey-order office which the person applying therefor may select; but no money-order shall be delivered until the amount thereof. shall be delivered until the amount thereof, and the proper fee therefor, have been deposited with the postmaster issuing it: Provided. That the postmaster of every city where branch post-offices or stations are established and in operation, subject to his supervision, is hereby authorized, under the direction of the Postmaster General, to issue, or cause to be issued, by any of his assistants or clerks in charge of branch post-offices or stations, postal money-orders payable at pant: that such account exhibits truly and faithfully the entire receipts collected at his office, and which by a due diligence, could have been collected; and that the credits he claims are just and right. And and the treatment of the counts, for some mouth after the time, and that its swearing therein shall resider him liable to the pains and penaltice of perjury.

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Sic. 105. That any postmaster who shall issue a money-order without having previously received the money therefor shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on

deened guilty of a mislemeaner, and on conviction thereof, shall be fixed not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.
Sec. 106. That in case of the sickness m navoidable absence from his office of the estmaster of any money-order post-office he may, with the approval of the Postmaster General, authorize the chief clerk, or some other clerk, employed therein, to act in his place, and to discharge all the daties required by law of such postmasters: Provided, That the official bond given by the principal of the office shall be held to cover and apply to the acts of the person appointed to act in his place in such cases: And provided further,

acts of the person appointed to act in his place in such eases: And pravided further, That such acting officer shall, for the time being, be subject to all the liabilities and penalties prescribed by law for the official misconduct in like cases of the postmaster for whom he shall act.

Size, 107. That no money order shall be issued for more than fifty dollars, and the fees therefor shall be, for orders not exceeding ten and not exceeding twenty dollars, ten cents; exceeding twenty dollars, ten cents; exceeding twenty and not exceeding thirty and not exceeding forty dollars, twenty cents; exceeding forty dollars, twenty cents; exceeding forty dollars, twenty-five cents.

Size, 108. That the Postmaster General shall supply money-order offices with blank forms of application for money-orders, which each applicant shall fill up with his name, the name and address of the party to whom the order is to be paid, the amount, and the date of applications; and all such application shall be preserved by the postmaster receiving them for such time as the Postmaster General may prescribe.

Size, 109. That the Postmaster General shall furnish money-order offices with printed or engraved forms for money-orders, and no order shall be valid unless it be drawn upon such from.

sale of money-orders, inculding all fees there-on, all money transferred from the postal revenues to the money-order funds, all money transferred or paid from the money orde funds to the service of the Post-Office De-partment, and all money-order funds trans-ferred from one postmaster to another, shall be deemed and taken to be money-order funds and money in the treasury of the Unit-ed States. And it shall be the duty of the partment, and all money-order funds transferred from one postmaster to another, shall be deemed and taken to be money-order funds and money in the treasury of the United States. And it shall be the duty of the assistant treasurer of the United States to open, at the request of the Postmaster General, an account of "money-order funds" deposited by postmaster to the credit of the Postmaster General, and of drafts against the office of postmaster.

SEC. 145. That any postmaster who shall unlawfully detain in his office any letter or other mail-matter, the posting of which is not prohibited by law, with intent to prevent the arrival and delivery of the same to the person to whom it is addressed, shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay not exceeding five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding six months, and he shall be forever thereafter incapable of helding open, at the request of the l'ostmaster Gen-eral, an account of "money-order funds" de-posited by postmaster to the credit of the Postmaster General, and of drafts against the amount so deposited, drawn by him and countersigned by the Auditor.

SEC. 192. That any postmaster, assistant, clerk, or other person employed in or con-nected with the business or operations of any money-order office who shall convert to his own use, in any way whatever, or long, or de-posit in any bank, or exchange for other funds,

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SEC. 146. That any person employed in any department of the postal service, who shall unlawfully detain, delay, or open any letter, packet, bag, or mail of letters intrusted to him, or which shall have come into his pressession, and which was intended to be

may provide by regulation for transmitting unpaid and duly certified letters of soldiers, sailors, and marines in the service of the United States, to their destination.

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prepayment of postage at the mailing, to the effect that neither he nor an permit to be sent through the mril, without prepayment by postage-stamps, any copies of such newspaper or other ceriodical (naming it) except to home-fide and regular subscribit) except to bons-fide and regular subscrib-ers thereto; and if any such newspaper or other periodical shall be thus unlawfully sent, with the knowledge or consent of such pro-prietor, or his agent, clerk, servant in charge of such business, or if such affidavit shall, when required by the Postmaster General or any special agent of the Post-Office Depart-ment, be refused, the person guilty of the offense, or refusing to make the affidavit, shall forfeit and pay fifty dollars in each case. SEC. 163. That on mailable matter of the Sec. 163. That on mailable matter of the third class, except as herein stated, postage shall be charged at the rate of one cent for

each two ounces or fraction thereof. Double these rates shall be charged for books, sam-ples of metals, ores, minerals, and merchandise.
SEC. 164. That packages of woolen, cotton, or linen clothing, not exceeding two pounds in weight, may be sent through the mail to any non-commissioned officer or private in the army of the United States, if prepaid, at the rate of one cent for each one sunce or fraction thereof, subject to such regulation as the Postmaster General may pre-

SEC, 165, That the rate of United States postage on mail-matter sent to or received from foreign countries with which different rates have not been established by postal con-vention or other arrangment, when forward-ed by vessels regularly employed in transport-ing the mail, shall be ten conta for each half-quee or fraction thereof on letters, unless ance or fraction thereof on letters, unless educed by order of the Postmaster General; reduced by order of the Postmaster General; two cents on newspapers; and not exceeding two cents per each two ounces, or fraction thereof, on pamphlets, periodicals, books, and other printed matter, which postage shall be prepared on matter sent and collected on matter received; and to avoid loss to the United States in the payment of balances. United States in the payment of balances, the Postmaster General may collect the un-paid postage on letters from foreign countries

pand postage on letters from foreign countries in coin or its equivalent.

SEC. 160. That all letters conveyed by vessels not regularly employed in carrying the mail shall, if for delivery within the United States, be rated with double postage, to cover the fee paid to the vessel.

SEC. 167. That for the purpose of making better postal arrangements with foreign countries, or to counternet their adverse measures affecting our postal intercourse with the second of the problem of the

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