

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 26, 1864.—Read first and second times, made the special order after appropriation bill, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. LYON, from the Committee of Ways and Means.]

## A BILL

To be entitled An Act making appropriations for the postal service of the Confederate States, for the year 1862 and 1863.

1 Whereas, in the administration of the affairs of the Post-Office  
2 Department, in the year 1862 and 1863, current expenses for mail  
3 service were met by drafts on postmasters, for accruing postage  
4 and revenue under regulations providing for subsequent adjust-  
5 ment of such transactions at the Treasury:

6 And whereas, it appears that estimates were submitted from time  
7 to time by the Postmaster General, for appropriations by Congress,  
8 of the revenues of the Department towards the necessary expenses  
9 thereof, but from some cause certain appropriations estimated for  
10 in 1862 and 1863 were omitted. To remedy this omission—

1 SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do*  
2 *enact*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby ap-  
3 propriated out of any money in the Treasury, being the revenues  
4 arising from postages, sales of postage stamps and emoluments

5 from box rents for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-two and  
6 eighteen hundred and sixty-three, no appropriations having been  
7 heretofore made for those years, viz:

8 For transportation of the mails, compensation of postmasters  
9 and clerks, ship, steamboat and way letters, advertising, mail bags,  
10 office furniture, blanks and printing, wrapping paper, mail locks,  
11 keys and stamps, mail depreations and special agents, postage  
12 stamps and miscellaneous payments, for the year ending June 30th,  
13 1862, two hundred and seventy-six thousand three hundred and  
14 fifty-five dollars and twenty-three cents, (\$276,355 23.)

15 For transportation of the mails, compensation of postmasters  
16 and clerks, ship, steamboat and way letters, advertising, mail bags,  
17 office furniture, blanks and printing, wrapping paper, mail locks,  
18 keys and stamps, mail depreations and special agents, postage  
19 stamps and miscellaneous payments for the year ending June 30th,  
20 1863, two million seven hundred and thirty-seven thousand three  
21 hundred and two dollars and thirty-cents, (\$2,737,302 30.)