

Department of the Interior,

Washington, D. C., March 17, 1879.

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The following communication from the Postmaster General, together with the Section of the Act of Congress therein referred to, is published for the information and guidance of the Officers of this Department.

By order of the Secretary of the Interior,

GEO. M. LOCKWOOD.
Chief Clerk.

Post Office Department,

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1879.

Hon. CARL SCHURZ,

Secretary of the Interior.

SIR:

Referring to my letter of June 15, 1877, transmitting copy of an opinion of the Attorney General, with regard to the transmission of official mail-matter, under the 5th and 6th Sections of the Act of March 3, 1877, I have the honor to invite your attention to Section 29, of the "Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1879, (Public No. 83,) extending the provisions of said Sections.

By this new legislation, which, by the last Section of the Act, takes effect on the first of May next, the necessity for the use of official postage-stamps appears to be dispensed with.

Very respectfully, &c.

D. M. KEY,
Postmaster General.

"SEC. 29. The provisions of the fifth and sixth sections of the act entitled 'An act establishing post-routes, and for other purposes,' approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, for the transmission of official mail-matter, be, and they are hereby, extended to all officers of the United States Government, and made applicable to all official mail-matter transmitted between any of the officers of the United States, or between any such officer and either of the executive departments or officers of the government, the envelopes of such matter in all cases to bear appropriate indorsements containing the proper designation of the office from which the same is transmitted, with a statement of the penalty for their misuse. And the provisions of said fifth and sixth sections are hereby likewise extended and made applicable to all official mail-matter sent from the Smithsonian Institution: *Provided*, That this act shall not extend or apply to pension-agents or other officers who receive a fixed allowance as compensation for their services, including expenses for postage."

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Justification of
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of the See of Oregon
March 20, 1849

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