

Act of 29 July 1861

Statute III, Chapter II —An act relating to the pre-payment of postage in certain cases.

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Authorized

Soldiers to send letters without prepayment of postage

Congressman to send letters without prepayment of postage

Provided for the forwarding of soldiers' mail without additional postage when moved the new destination is a result of official orders

CHAP. II.—*An act relating to the pre-payment of postage in certain cases.*

July 29, 1861.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That Mail matter may be sent by officers, &c. of the army, without pre-payment of postage.

all letters and other matter authorized by law to be transmitted through the mails, written or sent by any officer, musician or private of the army, engaged in the actual service of the Confederate States, may be transmitted through the mails to any other place in the Confederate States, without pre-payment of postage, but leaving such postage to be collected upon the delivery of such letters or other matter: *Provided, nevertheless,* That in all such cases, the letters and other mail matter so sent shall be endorsed with the name, and shall be on account of the individual sending the same, and shall contain a description of the party who sends the same, by endorsement of his military title, if an officer, or of the company and regiment to which he belongs, if a musician or private.

How to be endorsed.

SEC. 2. That letters and other mail matter sent to any officer, musician or private in the Confederate States army, at any point from which the letters, &c. in case

Forwarding of letters, &c. in case

of removal, free of said officer, musician or private may have been lawfully removed, shall be additional postage. forwarded to the person to whom directed. at the post-office nearest which he may have been removed, free of additional postage.

Pro-payment of SEC. 3. That on letters transmitted by a member of Congress, with his postage not required official signature endorsed on the same, pre-payment of postage shall not be required, but the same may be paid on delivery of the letters thus transmitted.

Penalty for violating this act. SEC. 4. Any person attempting to violate the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace having cognizance thereof.

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