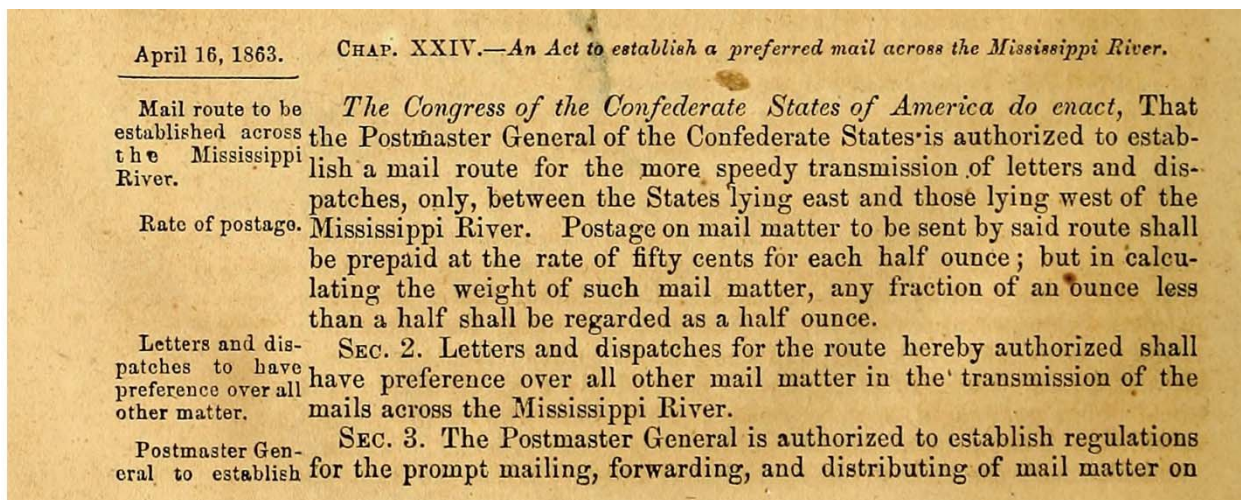


Act of 16 April 1863

Statute I, Chapter XXIV – An Act to establish a preferred mail across the Mississippi River.

Source: *The Statutes at Large of the Confederate States of America, Passed at the Third Session of the First Congress, 1863* (Richmond, VA: 1863), 108-109.

This act authorized the establishment of a Preferred Mail service across the Mississippi River. Several Trans-Mississippi covers are known franked with 50 cents postage, as prescribed in the Act for Preferred Mail. However, there is no evidence a Preferred Mail service was ever implemented. The Trans-Mississippi Express Mail authorized two weeks later took several months to plan before service began in October, 1863. See Act of 1 May 1863.



said route, and he may apply the money arising, from time to time, from necessary regulations. How to apply the money arising from the postage.

APPROVED April 16, 1863.