

## Act of 1 May 1863

Statute I, Chapter LXXIV – An Act to authorize the establishment of Express Mails.

**Source:** *The Statutes at Large of the Confederate States of America, Passed at the Third Session of the First Congress, 1863* (Richmond, VA: 1863), 156

This Act authorized the establishment of an Express Mail service across the Mississippi River (Trans-Mississippi Express Mail).

The rate for this mail was set at 40 cents per half ounce for letters only for any distance. This service was not available for Soldier's letters sent due.

The service was several months in preparation. The earliest known Trans-Mississippi mail use was in October 1863.

