## Act of 1 March 1861

Statute I, Chapter XXIII – An Act Supplemental to an act to Regulate the Rates of Postage, and for other purposes.

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March 1, 1861. Chap. XXIII. - An Act Supplemental to an act to Regulate the Rates of Postage, and for other purposes. The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, Pre-payment of postage in money. That until postage stamps and stamped envelopes can be procured and distributed, the Postmaster General may order the postage of the Confederacy to be pre-paid in money, under such rules and regulations as he may adopt. SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That until otherwise provided by law, Postmaster General authorized to contract the Postmaster General may contract with any line of steamers for the transportation of the transportation of mail matter between the ports of this Confederacy and the ports of foreign governments: Provided, That the rates of postage shall not exceed the rates allowed by the present laws of the Rates of postage. United States for similar service, and the compensation to be paid shall not exceed the income from postage on such matter. APPROVED March 1, 1861.