The Act cited to the text was entitled "An Act authorizing the Postmaster General to remit or change deductions or fines imposed upon contractors for mail service."

Chapter 13.—AIR MAIL.

Section 463. Same; postage rates.—The rates of postage on air mail shall not be less than 5 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. (As amended May 17, 1928, c. 603, § 1, 45 Stat. 594.)

464. Air mail; contracts for transportation of air mail.—The Postmaster General is authorized to award contracts for the transportation of air mail by aircraft between such points as he may designate to the lowest responsible bidder at fixed rates per mile for definite weight spaces, one cubic foot of space being computed as the equivalent of nine pounds of air mail, such rates not to exceed $1.25 per mile; Provided, That where the air mail moving between the designated points does not exceed twenty-five cubic feet, or two hundred and twenty-five pounds, per trip the Postmaster General may award to the lowest responsible bidder, who has owned and operated an air transportation service on a fixed daily schedule over a distance of not less than two hundred and fifty miles and for a period of not less than six months prior to the advertisement for bids, a contract at a rate not to exceed 40 cents per mile for a weight space of twenty-five cubic feet, or two hundred and twenty-five pounds. Whenever sufficient air mail is not available, first-class mail matter may be added to make up the maximum load specified in such contract. (As amended June 3, 1926, c. 490, 44 Stat. 662; Apr. 29, 1930, c. 223, § 1, 46 Stat. 259.)

465a. Air mail to foreign countries and insular possessions; contracts for transportation.—When in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby the Postmaster General is authorized to enter into contracts for air-mail service on routes between the United States and possessions or Territories of the United States, between possessions or Territories of the United States, between the United States or possessions or Territories of the United States and foreign countries, and in and between foreign countries, for the transportation of mails of the United States and its possessions or Territories both ways over the routes, and in addition thereto mails of other countries on the outbound or the inbound flights under arrangements he may make with such countries, for periods of not more than ten years, and to pay for such service at fixed rates per pound and/or per mile; and the Postmaster General is hereby authorized to award such contracts to the bidders that he shall find to be the lowest responsible bidders that can satisfactorily perform the service required to the best advantage of the Government: Provided, That the rate to be paid for such service for the load of mails provided by the Postmaster General to be carried in a plane shall not in any case exceed $2 per mile each way, plus not exceeding $1 per pound per thousand miles, or pro rata thereof for greater or less mileage, for any mails required to be carried in the same plane in excess of the specified load, and that, at the request of the Postmaster General, domestic mail shall be conveyed without additional charge on that part of the route in the United States to the border of the United States and to intermediate points: Provided further, That the Postmaster General may make arrangements with concessionaires operating air-mail service in foreign countries for transportation by their service of mails of the United States and its possessions or Territories: And provided further, That in the award and interpretation of the contracts herein authorized the decision of the Postmaster General shall be final and not subject to review by any officer or tribunal of the United States except by the President and the Federal courts. (Mar. 8, 1928, c. 149,
§ 465b. Same; rules and regulations.—The Postmaster General shall make and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of section 465a of this title. (Mar. 8, 1929, c. 149, § 2, 45 Stat. 248; Mar. 2, 1929, c. 478, § 2, 45 Stat. 1450.)

This section was reenacted without change by Act Mar. 2, 1929, c. 478, cited to the text.

§ 465c. Air mail contracts; substitution of air mail route certificates; rate of compensation; cancellation of certificate.—The Postmaster General may, if in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby, upon the surrender of any air-mail contract, issue in substitution therefor a route certificate for a period of not exceeding ten years from the date service started under such contract to any contractor or subcontractor who has satisfactorily operated an air-mail route for a period of not less than two years, which certificate shall provide that the holder thereof shall have the right, so long as he complies with all rules, regulations, and orders that may be issued by the Postmaster General for meeting the needs of the Postal Service and adjusting mail operations to the advances in the art of flying and passenger transportation, to carry air mail over the route set out in the certificate or any modification thereof at rates of compensation to be fixed from time to time, at least annually, by the Postmaster General, and he shall publish in his annual report his reasons for the continuance or the modification of any rates: Provided, That such rates shall not exceed $1.25 per mile. Such certificate may be canceled at any time for willful neglect on the part of the holder to carry out any rules, regulations, or orders made for his guidance, notice of such intended cancellation to be given in writing by the Postmaster General and forty-five days allowed the holder in which to show cause why the certificate should not be canceled. (Feb. 2, 1925, c. 128, § 7, as added Apr. 29, 1930, c. 228, § 3, 46 Stat. 260.)

§ 465d. Extensions and consolidations of routes.—The Postmaster General, when in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby, may make any extensions or consolidations of routes which are now or may hereafter be established. (Feb. 2, 1925, c. 128, § 8, as added Apr. 29, 1930, c. 228, § 3, 46 Stat. 260.)

§ 465e. Service to Canada.—The Postmaster General in establishing routes for the transportation of mail by aircraft under this chapter may provide service to Canada within one hundred and fifty miles of the international boundary line, over domestic routes which are now or may hereafter be established and may authorize the carrying of either foreign or domestic mail, or both, to and from any points on such routes and make payment for services over such routes out of the appropriation for the domestic air mail service: Provided, That this section shall not be construed as repealing the authority given by section 465a of this title, to contract for foreign air mail service. (Feb. 2, 1925, c. 128, § 8, as added Apr. 29, 1930, c. 228, § 3, 46 Stat. 260.)

§ 465f. Contracts for transportation of air mail to new points; adequacy of appropriation as condition precedent.—After July 1, 1931, the Postmaster General shall not enter into contracts for the transportation of air mail between points which have not theretofore had such service unless the contract air-mail appropriation proposed to be obligated therewith is sufficient to care for the such contracts, and all other obligations against such appropriation, without incurring a deficiency therein. (Feb. 2, 1925, c. 128, § 8, as added Apr. 29, 1930, c. 228, § 3, 46 Stat. 260.)

§ 466. Aeroplanes for aeroplane mail service.—This section appears to be temporary legislation and should be omitted from the Code.

§ 467. Purchase of equipment and supplies for aeroplane mail service.—This section appears to be temporary legislation and should be omitted from the Code.

Chapter 14.—CARRYING THE MAIL.

Section 490. Selecting post roads.—[Repealed.] This section was repealed by § 1 of Act Feb. 28, 1933, c. 131, 47 Stat. 1340.

Section 2 of the repealing act provided that rights or liabilities existing under the foregoing section on February 28, 1933, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 491. Change of post-road terminus.—[Repealed.] This section was repealed by § 1 of Act Feb. 28, 1933, c. 131, 47 Stat. 1340.

Section 2 of the repealing act provided that rights or liabilities existing under the foregoing section on February 28, 1933, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 496. Carrying foreign letters.—In connection with this section see § 308 of Title 18.

503. Freight charges on property transferred.—“payment by States for property received” should be omitted from the heading to this section.

Chapter 15.—RAILWAY SERVICE.

Section 521. Carrying mail on railway routes by horse express.—[Repealed.] This section was repealed by § 1 of Act Feb. 28, 1933, c. 131, 47 Stat. 1349.

Section 2 of the repealing act provided that rights or liabilities existing under the foregoing section on February 28, 1933, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 522. Transportation of official matter by railway or express companies.—“27 Stat. 149” should be added to the citation at the end of this section.

§ 541a. Transportation by motor vehicle.—The Postmaster General is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to permit railroad and electric-car companies to provide mail transportation.