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distributed or made up by railway postal clerks, should be promptly reported, and the slips covering or received with the same should be sent with the report.

Sec. 552. Disposition of Slips Received.—All slips received upon packages of letter or circular mail, or in sacks of newspaper mail, upon which errors have been noted, must be preserved and sent to the division superintendent daily from first and second class offices, weekly from all others. All other slips may be treated as waste paper. A supply of facing slips can be obtained from the division superintendent at any time, or from the Department. (See sections 469 and 472.)

Sec. 553. Back Stamping.—Every postmaster, upon receipt of the mail, will immediately place the postmark of his office upon the back of every letter therein received, showing the date and hour of the day when the letter was received. The value and importance of this practice are so great that failure to observe this rule, if continuous or repeated after notice, will be ground for removal from office.

AT RECEIVING OFFICES—DEFICIENT POSTAGE.

Sec. 554. Postmasters to Search for and Rate up.—Postmasters at the office of delivery may remove the wrappers and envelopes from mail matter not charged with letter postage, when it can be done without destroying them, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is upon or connected with any such matter anything which would authorize or require the charge of a higher rate of postage thereon. (R. S., § 3882.)

On opening the mail the postmaster will look over the letters and packages to ascertain whether the postage thereon has been sufficiently prepaid, and will rate up the amount found to be due on all matter, not free, dispatched inadvertently without any prepayment, at double its proper rate (sections 320, 558); and on all first-class matter prepaid at one full rate, but not fully prepaid, and on all other partially but insufficiently prepaid matter, at full rates, according to its class and weight, and note in writing or stamp the amount due on each letter or parcel.

Sec. 555. Official Matter Deliverable at Washington.—Any part-paid letter or packet addressed to either of said Departments or Bureaus [the Executive Departments or Bureaus thereof, the Agricultural Department and Public Printer] may be delivered free; but where there is good reason to believe the omission to prepay the full postage thereon was intentional, such letter or packet shall be returned to the sender. (Act of July 5, 1884, § 3, 23 Stats., 158; fully quoted in section 415.)

NOTE.—This exemption from the payment of deficient postage on matter addressed to the Executive Departments or Bureaus thereof before delivery applies only at the Washington City post-office.