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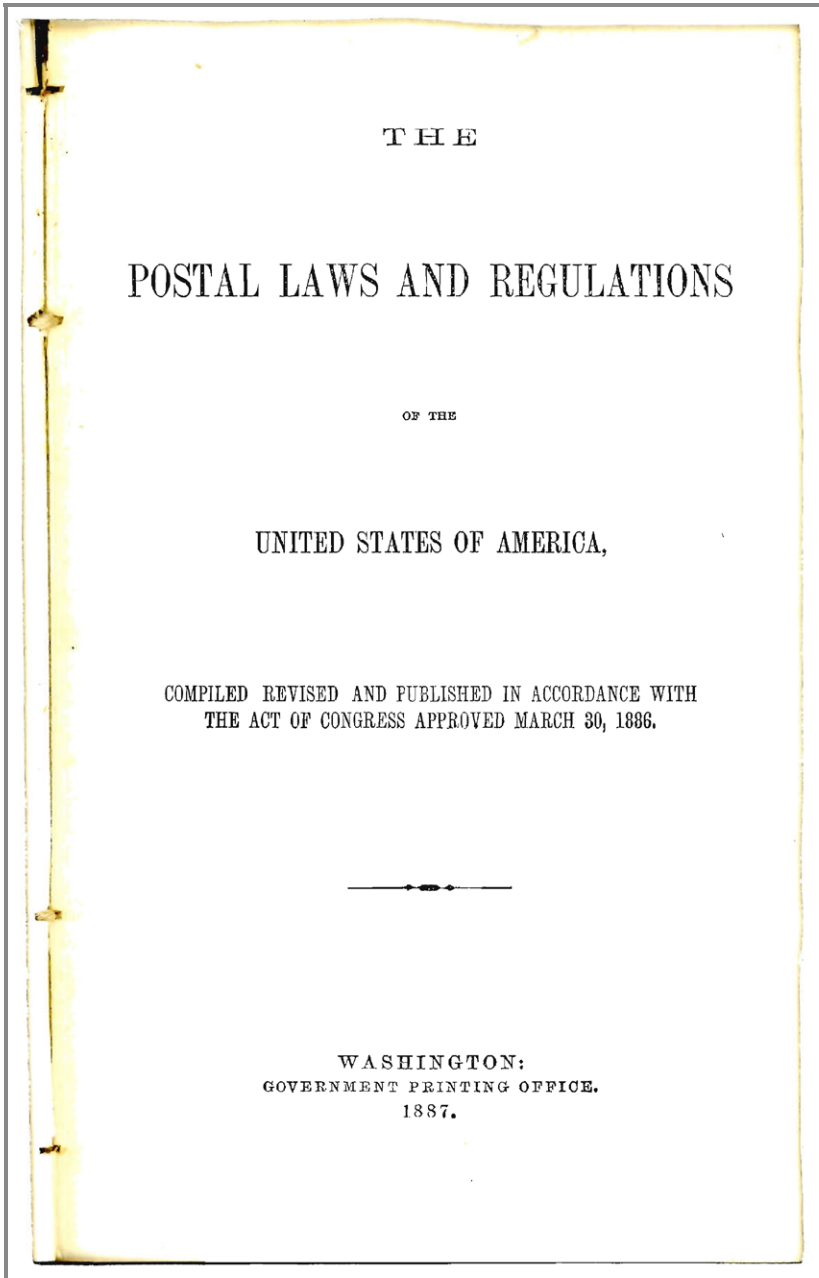


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proper length of time before return, as prescribed in the preceding section.

Sec. 1136. Original Record to show Return of a Letter or Parcel.—Note must be made on the original record of every registered letter or parcel returned to a mailing post-office, stating its return and date.

Sec. 1137. When Sender of Returned Matter is not Found.—In case a domestic returned registered letter or parcel cannot be delivered to the sender, it must be retained thirty days and be then forwarded (properly registered) to the Dead-Letter Office.

Sec. 1138. Sending Letters or Parcels to the Dead-Letter Office.—When registered letters or parcels are sent to the Dead-Letter Office they must be postmarked with the date of sending, indorsed with reason for sending, be accompanied with duplicate lists showing the sending post-office and the number and address of each letter and parcel, and placed under cover of an official envelope addressed to the Superintendent of the Dead-Letter Office, Washington, D. C., indorsed "INCLOSING REGISTERED MATTER." The packet must be registered as a free registered letter, and placed with registry bill and registry-return receipt under cover of a registered-package envelope addressed to the postmaster, Washington, D. C.

Postmasters must remember that undelivered domestic registered letters are never to be sent to the Dead-Letter Office until after their return to the sending office, and their failure of restoration to the sender. (See sec. 1137.)

As to return of undelivered foreign registered letters, see sec. 1162.

Sec. 1139. No Postage on Registry Bills and Registry-Return Receipts.—The registered-package receipts, registry bills, and registry-return receipts, after signature, require no postage thereon; they are to be simply postmarked and mailed without delay.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

Sec. 1140. Response to Inquiries.—Inquiries or tracers regarding registered packages, letters, or parcels, and all inquiries as to registered business, must receive immediate attention from postmasters, and be answered without delay.

Sec. 1141. Tracers for Stamp, Envelope, or Postal-Card Packages.—When a registered package of stamps, envelopes, or postal cards has been dispatched and no acknowledgment therefor is received by due course of mail, or bill returns marked NOT RECEIVED or IN BAD ORDER, a coupon tracer will be sent to ascertain whether the package reached its destination in safety, or at what point and through whose fault it disappeared or was tampered with. If through this means it should be as-

certained that the package reached its destination in good order, the tracer may be retained when it returns; but if it appear that the package was received in bad condition or was lost or stolen in transit, the tracer must be forwarded to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General. Should the tracer not be returned in due season, a duplicate must be sent to the post-office whence last coupon was returned, or special inquiry sent until package is accounted for or loss ascertained, when the tracer with full report of loss must be sent to the Third Assistant Postmaster-General.

Sec. 1142. Report of Missing Matter; how Made.—Every case of missing registered packages, letters, or parcels must be reported without delay to the Chief Post-Office Inspector, Washington, D. C., giving full particulars, as also all cases of alleged abstraction of contents of registered letters or parcels; and also to the Post-Office inspector in charge of the division, as stated in section one thousand and ninety-three. Concealment of a depredation upon or loss of registered matter, or any attempt to settle for the same without report, will be treated as a serious delinquency.

Sec. 1143. Registry Records are Public Property.—The registry records of a post-office, including registry bills and registered-package receipts for matter dispatched, also carriers' delivery books, are the property of the Government, and must be preserved among the permanent files of the office, and turned over by the retiring postmaster to his successor. Under no circumstances are they to be retained by the outgoing postmaster as private vouchers, nor are they to be damaged, destroyed, or disposed of without special directions from the Department.

See section 484.

Sec. 1144. Registry Records of Discontinued Post-Offices.—All books, blanks, and other papers relating to registry business received by a postmaster from any discontinued neighboring post-office must be regarded by him as a part of the records of his office, and must be kept subject to any call or examination that may be made by the Department or its authorized officials.

Sec 1145. Disposition of Used Registered-Package Envelopes.—Registered-package envelopes, wrappers with registered-package envelopes pasted thereon—with the seals and cord fastenings to be preserved as nearly as possible intact—(see section 1165), and registered-package tag envelopes, all which have been emptied of their contents, together with new registered-package envelopes spoiled by misdirection or in any way rendered unfit for use (cutting and resealing is not permissible), must be retained on file one year, and then sold as directed in section four hundred and eighty-four.