

having filed its written acceptance with the Postmaster-General, of the restrictions and obligations required by the act approved July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled, "An Act to aid in the construction of telegraph lines, and to secure to the Government the use of the same, for postal, military and other purposes," or by this Title, shall by its agents or employees, refuse or neglect to transmit any such telegraph communications as are provided for by the aforesaid act, or by this Title, or by the provision of Section 221; Title: "The Department of War," authorizing the Secretary of War to provide for taking meteorological observations at the military stations and other points of the interior of the Continent, and for giving notice on the northern lakes and sea-board of the approach and force of storms, such Telegraph Company shall be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, for each such refusal or neglect. [To be recovered by an action or actions at law in any District Court of the United States.]

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes.

* * * * *. For cost of telegrams; and telegrams are authorized to be transmitted by railroad companies which may have telegraph lines, and which shall file their written acceptance of the restrictions and obligations imposed on telegraph companies by title sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, for the Government and for the general public, at rates to be fixed by the Government, according to the provisions of title sixty-five of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, June 23, 1879.