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Under the provisions of section 42, act of March 3, 1863, the head of each Bureau in each Executive Department is to be considered a part of the Executive Department, and letters written by an officer of the Government *on official business* to the Department, or to any head of a Bureau of a Department, are to be passed free of postage. Such letters must be marked *official* on the envelope, with the official signature of the writer underneath

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