PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIR-TY-FO ERTH CONGRESS.

Jeint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to expend a Portion of the Contingent Fund for enlarging the Navy Department Building.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to expend so much of the contingent fund heretofore appropriated as may be necessary for the enlargement of the Navy Department building to meet the wants of the Department.

Approved, December 15, 1864.

[No. 3.]

A RESPLUTION tendering the Thanks of Congress to Captain John A. Winslow, U. S. Navy, and to the Officers and Men under his Command on Board the U. S. Steamer Kearsage, in her Conflict with the piratical Craft the "Alabama." in Compliance with the President's Recommendation to Congress of the fifth of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of Congress are due, and are hereby tendered, to Captain John A. Winslow, of the United States Navy, and to the officers, petty-officers, seamen and marines of the United States steamer "Kearsage," for the skill and gallautry exhibited by him and the officers and men under his command, in the brilliant action on the minetoenth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, between that ship and the piratical craft "Alabama"—a vessel superior to his own in tonnage, in guns, and in the number of her crew.

Approved, December 20, 1864.

[No. 4.]

Resolution tendering the Thanks of Congress to Lieutenant William B. Cushing, of the United States Navy, and to the Officers and Men who assisted him in his gallant and perilous Achievement in destroying the rebel Steamer "Albemarle," in Compliance with the President's Recommendation to Congress of the fifth of December, eighteen hundred [and sixty-four.

Resolved by the Scnate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the thanks of Congress are due, and are hereby, tendered, to Lieutenant William B. Cushing, of the United States Navy, and to the officers and men under his command, for the skill and gallantry exhibited by them in the destruction of the rebel iron-clad steamer "Albemarle," at Plymouth, North Carolina, on the night of the twenty-seventh of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Approved, December 20, 1884.

[No. 5.] ont Resolution tendering the Thanks of the People and of Congress to Major General, William T. Sherman, and the Officers and Soldiers of his Command, for their gallant Conduct in their late brilliant Movement through

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the thanks of the people and of the Congress of the United States are due, and are hereby tendered, to Major General William T. Sherman, and through him to the officers and men under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in their late campaign from Chattanoega to Atlanta, and the triumphal march thence through Georgia to Savannah, terminating in the capture and occupation of that city; and that the President cause a copy of this joint resolution to be engrossed and forwarded to Major General Sherman.

Approved, January 10, 1865.

JOINT RESOLUTION providing for the Termination of the Reciprocity Treaty of fifth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, between the United States and Great Britain.

WHEREAS, it is provided in the Reciprocity Treaty consinued at Washington, the fifth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, between the United States, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the other part, that this treaty "shall remain in force for ten years from the date at which it may come into operation, and further until the expiration of twelve months after either of the high contracting parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same;" and whereas it appears, by a proclamation of the President of the United States, bearing date sixteenth March, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, that the treaty came into operation on that day; and whereas, further, it is no longer for the interests of the United States to continue the same in farce: Therefore, [No. 6.]

iterests of the United States to consider the series ince: Therefore, Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, hat notice be given of the termination of the Reciprolity Treaty, according to the provision therein contained or the termination of the same; and the President of the United States is hereby charged with the communication of such notice to the Government of the United Lingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Approved, January 18, 1865.

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Bsc. 2. And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, requested to communicate this resolution to General Terry, and through him to the officers and soldiers under his command.

Approved, January 24, 1865.

[No. 8.] A RESOLUTION tendering the Thanks of Congress to Rear Admiral David D. Porter, and to the Officers, Petty Officers, Seamen and Marines under his Command, for their Gallantry and good Conduct in the recent Capture

of Fort Fisher.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the thanks of Congress are hereby presented to Rear Admiral David D. Porter, and to the officers, petty officers, seamen and marines under his command, for the unsurpassed gallantry and skill exhibited by them in the attacks upon Fort Fisher, and the brilliant and decisive victory by which that important work has been captured from the rebel forces and placed in the possession and under the authority of the United States; and for their long and faithful services and unwavering devotion to the cause of the country in the midst of the greatest difficulties and dangers.

ties and dangers.

Ssc. 2. And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate this resolution to Admiral Porter, and through him to the officers, seamen, and marines under his command.

Approved, January 24, 1865.

[No. 9.]

Jourt Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to give the necessary Notice stipulated pending the Intention of the United States to purchase the Building known as Merchants Exchange, New York City, now used for Custom-House Purposes.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to give notice to the owners of the building in New York city known as the Merchants' Exchange, and occupied as a custom-house, of it elatention of the United states to purchase the same, for the sum of one million dollers, in accordance with the terms stipulated in the existing lease of the property to the government.

Approved, January 25, 1865.

[No. 10.] JOINT RESOLUTION reserving Mineral Lands from the Operation of all Acts, passed at the first Session of the Thirty-eighth Congress, granting Lands, or extending the Time of former Grants.

the Time of former Grants.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That no act passed at the first session of the thirty-eighth congress, granting lands to states or corporations, to aid in the construction of roads or for other purposes, or to extend the time of grants heretofore made, shall be so construed as to embrace mineral lands, which in all cases shall be, and are, reserved exclusively to the United States, unless otherwise specially provided in the act or sort making the grant.

Approved, January 30, 1865. [No. 11.]

A Resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the several States a Proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.

several States a Proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House tof Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two Shirds of both Houses concurring) That the following article be proposed to the legislaturee of the several states, which, when ratified by three fourths of said legislaturee, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as a part of the said constitution, namely:

ARTICLE XIII.

BECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party that I have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Section 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Approved, February 1, 1865.

[No. 12.]

John Esschution declaring certain States not entitled to Representation in the Electoral College.

Wheneas the inhabitants and local authorities of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, Bouth Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louislana, Texas, Arkanaas, and Tennessee rebelled against the government of the United States, and were in such condition on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and eatry four, that no valid election for electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, according to the constitution and laws thereof, was held therein on said day: Theref re,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the states mentioned in the presmble to this joint resolution are not entitled to representation in the electoral college for the choice of Fresident and Vice-President for the United States, for the term of office commencing on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five; and no electoral votes shall be received or counted from said states concerning the choice of President and Vice-President for said term of office.

Approved, February 8, 1865.

JOINT RESOLUTION to terminate the Treaty of eighteen hundred and seventeen, regulating the naval Forces on the Lakes.

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WHEFRAS, the United States, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, of the other part, by a treaty bearing date April, eighteen hundred and seventeen, have regulated the naval force upon the lakes, and it was further provided that "if either party should hereafter be desirons of annulling this stipulation and should give notice to that effect to the other party, it shall cease to be binding after the expiration of six months from the date of such notice; and whereas the peace of our frontier is now endangered by hoctile expeditions against the commerce of the lakes, and by other note of hwices prevent, which the never

force of the two countries, allowed by the existing treaty, may be insufficient to prevent; and wherees, further, the President of the United States has proceeded to give the notice required for the termination of the treaty by a communication which took effect on the twenty-third November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four: Therefore,

Best resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the notice given by the Pressdent of the United States to the government of Great Britain and Ireland to terminate the treaty of eighteen hundred and seventeen, regulating the naval force upon the lakes, is hereby adopted and ratified as if the same had been authorized by congress. Approved, February 9, 1865.

Approved, February 9, 1865.

[No. 14.]

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the Thanks of Congress to Major-General Phillip H. Sheridan and the Officers and Men under his Command.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of congress are hereby tendered to Major-General Philip H. Sheridan and to the officers and men under his command, for the gailantry, military skill, and courage displayed in the brilliant series of victories achieved by them in the valley of the Shenandah, and especially for their services at Cedar Run, on the nine teenth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, which retrieved the fortunes of the day, and thus averted a great disaster.

Sec. 2. And be it further resolved, That the President of the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be, and hereby is, requested to comof the United States be a second the second

of the United States be, and hereby is, requested to com-municate this resolution to Major-General Sheridan, and through him to the officers and soldiers under his com-

[No. 15.]

A RESOLUTION providing for the Compilation of a Congressional Directory at each Session.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the Congressional Directory be compiled under the direction of the joint committee on public printing, and published by the superintendent of public printing—the first edition for each session to be ready for distribution within one week after the commencement thereof.

Approved, February 14, 1865.

[No. 16.]

[No. 16.]

A RESOLUTION appointing General Richard Delafield to be a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Richard Delafield, resident of Washington city, be, and he hereby is, appointed a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, in the place of Joseph G. Totten, deceased.

Approved, February 14, 1865.

Approved, February 14, 1865.

[No. 17.]

A RESOLUTION to extend the Time for the Reversion to the United States of the Lands granted by Congress to aid in the Construction of a Railroad from Pere Marquette to Flint, and for the Completion of said Road.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time specified in the fourth section of the act of Congress approved June three, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An act making a grant of alternate sections of the public lands to the State of Michigan to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State, and for other purposes," for the reversion to the United States of the lands granted by said act to aid in the construction of a railroad from Pere Marquette to Flint, and for the completion of said road, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the term of five years.

Approved, February 17, 1865.

[No. 18.]

Joint Resolution to enable the Secretary of the Treasury

[No. 18.]

Joint Resolution to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to obtain the Title to certain Property in Carson City and State of Nevada, for the Purposes of a Branch Mint iocated in said Place.

Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, in order to carry into effect an act entitled "An act to establish a branch mint of the United States in the Territory of Nevada," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, has purchased of Moses Job and M rearct, his wife, and James L. Riddle, the pre-emptors and occupants thereof, certain city or town lots in said Carson City, together with all the valuable improvements in thereon; and whereas it is highly important for the Interest of the Government to obtain, at an early day, the use and possession of said property, to establish and open said branch mint: Therefore.

Resolved by the Smale and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the Secretary of the Treesury be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive and accept from said Moses Job and Margaret, his wife, and James L. Riddle, such relinquishments and conveyances of their right and claim to said select for the extinguishment of any claim, right, or title which the said Moses Job and Margaret, his wife, and James L. Riddle may or can have thereto; and said lots and property shall thereafter be reserved from public said, pre-emption, or homestead settlement, and shall remain the property of the United States.

Approved, February 22, 1865.

Joint Resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue American Registers to British Schooners "Minnie Williams" and "E. M. Baxter."

Be it resolved by the Sena'e and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to issue American registers to the British built schooners "Minnie Williams" and "E. M. Baxter," said vessels being now owned by a citizen of Buffalo, New York.

York.
Approved, February 25, 1865. [No. 23.]

[No. 23.]

Joint Resolution in Relation to the Distribution of Books and Documents.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the undistributed portions of the books and documents heretofore printed or purchased for its use by order of either House of Congress, previous to the thirty-seventh Congress, and now deposited in the Interior Department and elsewhere, be distributed to members of the present Congress, under the direction of the joint committee on printing; and said committee is hereby directed to divide the books in question into parcels equal in number to the whole number of Senators, Representatives, and delegates from territories, and as nearly equal in value and importance as possible, and to distribute them to the Senators, Representatives, and delegates by such method as may be found feasible and proper.

Approved, February 28, 1865.

[ No. 24. ]

[No. 24.]

JOINT RESOLUTION to provide for the Publication of a full Army Register.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be printed and published a full roster or roll of all general, field, line, and staff officers of volunteers who have been in the army of the United States at any time since the beginning of the present rebellion, including all informal organizatious which have been recognized or accepted and paid by the United States, showing whether they are yet in the service, or have been discharged therefrom, and giving casualties and other oxplanations proper for such register—And, to defray in whole or in part the expenses of this publication, an edition of twenty-five thousand copies of such enlarged register shall be published and may be sold to officers, soldiers, or citizens, at a price which shall not more than cover the actual cost of paper, printing, and binding, and shall not in any case exceed one dollar pervolume.

Approved, March 2, 1865. [No. 25.] OINT RESOLUTION authorizing a Contract with William H. Powell for a Picture for the Capitol.

H Powell for a Picture for the Capitol.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the joint committee on the library be, and they are hereby, directed to enter into a contract with William H. Powell, of the State of Obic, to paint a picture for the United States, to be placed at the head of one of the grand stategases in the Capitol, illustrative of some naval victory; the particular subject of the painting to be agreed on by the committee and the artist: Provided, That the entire expense of said picture shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars, and two thousand dollars shall be paid to said William H. Powell, in advance, to enable him to prepare for the work, the remainder of said last instalments at intervals of not less than one year, the pleted and put up.

Approved, March 2, 1865.

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[No. 27.]

A Resolution to encourage the Employment of disabled and discharged boldiers.

Essolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That persons honorably discharged from the military or naval service by reason of disability resulting from wounds or sickness incurred in the line of duty, should be preferred found to posses the business capacity necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of such offices.

Esc. 2. And be it further resolved. That in grateful recognition of the services, secrifices, and sufferings of persons honorably discharged from the military and naval service of the country, by reason of wounds, disease, or the expiration of terms of cultiment, it is respectfully recommended to bankers, merchants, manufacturers, mechanics, farmers, and persons engaged industrial pursuits, to give them the preference for appointments to remunerative situation[s] and employments.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

[ No. 28.] [No. 28.]

JOINT RESOLUTION of Thanks to Major-General George H.

Thomas and the Army under his Command.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of congress are due, and are hereby tendered, to Major-General George H. Thomas and the tendered, to Major-General George H. Thomas and the officers and soldiers under his command for their skills and dauntless courage, by which the rebel army under-General Hood was signally defeated and driven from the State of Tendessee.

Approved Manage 2004. ved, March 8, 1865.

[No. 29.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America to Congress assembled. That for the purpose of encouraging enlistments and promoting the efficiency of the military and naval forces of the United States, it is hereby enacted that the wife and calldrep, if any be have, of any payon that has been

or may be, mustered into the military or naval service of the United States, shell, from and after the passage of this act, be forever free, any law, usage, or custom whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding; and in determining who is or was the wife and who are the children of the enlisted person herein mentioned, evidence that he and the women claimed to be his wife have cohabited together, or associated as husband and wife, and so continued to cohabit or associate at the time of the enlistment, or evidence that a form or ceremony of marriage, whether such marriage was or was not authorized or recognized by law, has been entered into or celebrated by them, and that the parties thereto thereafter lived together, or associated or cchabited as husband and wife, and so continued to live, cohabit, or associate at the time of the enlistment, shall be deemed sufficient proof of marriage for the purposes of this act, and the children born of any such marriage shall be deemed and taken to be the children embraced within the provisions of this act, whether such marriage shall or shall not have been dissolved at the time of such enlistment.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

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A RESOLUTION to authorize and direct an Inventory of Articles in the Quartermaster's Depots of the United States, and in the Possession of the Yaval Storekeepers of the United States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to cause a strict inspection to be made of the quartermaster's department, as soon as practicable after the passage of this resolution, and a comparison to be made between the reports of the officers in charge of the quartermaster's depots at New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Saint Louis, and Louisville. and the articles on hand.

Sec. 2. And be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy, in like manner, be directed to cause an inventory to be made of all the property of the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

[No. 31.]

A Resolution relating to International Exhibitions at Bergen, in Norway, and Oporto, in Portugal, during the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

Whereas the governments of the kingdom of Sweden and Norway, and of the kingdom of Portugal, have communicated to the government of the United States the programmes of two international exhibitions to be held respectively at Bergen, in Norway, and at Oporto, in Portugal, during the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty.five: Therfore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby charged with the duty of making known to the people of the United States, by proclamation, or otherwise, as shall to him seem best, the facts in his possession relating to the international exhibitions proposed to be held at Bergen, Norway, and Oporto, Portugal, during the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and of inviting their participation therein: Provided, That no expense shall be incurred for any agency with regard to such exhibition; nor shall any claim of any agent of our government be hereafter recognized.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

[ No. 32. ]

JOINT RESOLUTION to amend the joint Resolution entitled
"Joint Resolution in Relation to the Public Printing,"
approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and
sixty.

approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the superintendent of public printing shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase the paper required for the public printing by accepting the sealed proposals of the lowest bidder or bidders for any specific portion or portions of the whole amount of any particular kind of paper required, for either three months, six months, or one year, the minimum portion to be specified by the superintendent in, his advertisement for proposals, and to be as low as will, in his judgment, most increase competition, and be most advantageous to the United States. In all other respects the proposals and contracts shall be subject to the conditions and requirements of the existing law; and any contractor failing to comply with the terms of his contract, under this resolution, shall be liable to the same extent, and in the same manner as provided in the like case in the joint resolution hereby amended; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent to report fully in regard to all proposals and contracts for paper in his annual report to congress, and also in regard to all proposals and contracts for paper in his annual report to congress, and also in regard to all proposals and contracts for lithographing and engraving.

Approved, March 3, 1865. nd engraving. Approved, March 3, 1865.

[ No. 33. ]

[No. 33.]

A RESOLUTION directing Inquiry into the Condition of the Indian Tribes, and their Treatment by the Civil and Military Authorities.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That there be raised a joint committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the president of the Senate, and four members of the present House, to be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, to inquire into the present condition of the Indian tribes, and especially into the manner in which they are treated by the civil and military authorities of the United States, with power to sit during the recess of Congress; to send for persons and papers; to employ a clerk, to subposen or Resolution to present the Thanks of Congress to Brevet Major General Alfred H. Terry, and the Officers and Men under his Command.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of Congress are hereby presented to Brevet Major General Alfred H. Terry, and to the officers and men under his command, for the unsurpassed galendary and skill exhibited by them in the attack upon Fort Fisher, and the brilliant and decisive victory by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, The United States of America in Congress assembled, and military authorities of the cumber of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Department of the Interior; and under the American Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Congress as to send the Complete the American Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the American Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America Colonization Society for the Senate and House of Repres

[No. 34.]

A Resolution to extend the Time for constructing the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, in Iowa, and filling a Map of Relocation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time allowed by the eighth section of the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making a grant of lands to the State of Iowa, in alternate sections, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said State, approved May lifteenth, eighteen hundred and fitty-six," for the construction annually of sections of twenty miles each of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, be, and the same is hereby, extended one year, and that the provision of the second section of the act approved first of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled 'An act to regulate the compensation of regis ters and receivers of the land-offices in the several States and corporations under grants by Congress," which requires that a map of the change of location shall be filed with the Commissioner of the General Land-Office within one year, be, and the same is hereby, ropealed.

Approved, March 3, 1805.

[No. 35.]

A RESOLUTION transferring Maps and other Documents relating to the Surveys of the Pacific Railroad to the Department of the Interior.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all maps, profiles, and other drawings, together with estimates and reports connected with explorations and surveys for the Pacific Railroad, made under the authority of the Government, and all other information upon the subject of said road in the possession of any department of the Government, be transferred to the Department of the Interior; and that the Secretary of the Interior be authorized to furnish copies of the same, free of charge, to the Union Pacific Railroad Company, so far as they may be useful in aiding said Company in determining the proper route for said road.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

[ No. 36, ]

RESOLUTION respecting the Publication of the Papers of James Madison.

WHEREAS the joint committee of the two Houses of Whereas the joint committee of the two Houses of Congress on the library were authorized by an act approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fiftysix, and amended June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty, to cause to be printed and published one thousand copies of the papers of James Madison; and whereas the sum appropriated for such purpose has been found insufficient: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the said joint library committee are hereby authorized to contract for the publishing of five hundred copies of said papers, in lieu of the one thousand copies heretofore authorized, and for the same sum.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

[No. 37.]

A RESCLUTION to purchase Mail Pouches or Boxes of Marshall Smith's Patent for the Postal Service, and for other Purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Bepresentations of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase of Marshall Smith such number of mail pouches or boxes (constructed in the principle of letterpatent issued April twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and May seventeen, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and also to test a new mode of fastenting mail-bags, invented by Solomon Andrews, and to secure a patent for the same, and that the expense thereof shall be paid out of any appropriation heretofore made or hereafter to be made to the Post-Office Department.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

APPENDIX.

[No. 19.] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: A PROCLAMATION.

AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the act of congress or the 28th of September, 1850, entitled "An act to create additiona collection districts in the State of California, and to change the existing districts therein, and to modify the existing collection districts in the United States," extends to mermerchandles wharehoused under bond the privilege of being exported to the British North American Provinces, adjoining the United States, in the manner prescribed in the act of congress of the 2d of March, 1845, which designates certain frontier ports through which merchandise may be exported, and further provides "that such other ports, situated on the frontiers of the United States adjoining the British North American Provinces, as may hereafter be found expedient, may have extended to them the like privileges, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, and proclamation duly made by the President of the United States, effectally designating the ports to which the aforeasid privileges are to be extended:"

Now, therefore, I, ABRARAM LINCOLN, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the recommendation or the Secretary of the Treasury, do hereby declare and proclaim that the port of Newport, in the State of Vermont, is and shall be entitled to all the privileges in regard to the exportation of unschandise in bond to the British North American Provinces adjoining the United States, which are extended to the ports anumerated in the 7th section of the act of Congress of the 2d of March, 1845, aforesid, from and after the date of this Proclamation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be united.

Dope at the city of Washington this sight-eath day of August, in the year of exploration of the surface.

[L s.] sand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

By the President:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. [No. 20.] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

It has pleased Almighty God to prolong our national life another year, defending us with His guarding care against unfriendly designs from abroad, and vouchaing to us in His mercy many and signal victories over the enemy, who is of our own household. It has also pleased our Heavenly Father to favor as well our citizens in their homes as our soldiers in their camps, and our sailors on the rivers and seas, with unusual health. He has largely augmented our free population by emancipation and by immigration, while He has opened to us new sources of wealth, and has crowned the labor of our working men in every department of industry with abundant rewards. Moreover, He has been pleased to animate and inspire our minds and hearts with fortitude, courage, and resolution sufficient for the great trial of civil war into which we have been brought by our adherence as a nation to the cause of freedom and humanity, and to afford to us reasonable hopes of an ultimate and happy deliverance from all our dangers and afflictions:

Now, threfore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, do hereby appoint and set apart the last Thursday of November next as a day which I desire to be observed by all my fellow-citizens, wherever they may then be, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe. And I to farther recommend to my fellow-citizens aforesaid, that, on that occasion, they do reverently humble themselves in the dust, and from thence offer up penitent and fervent prayers and supplications to the Great Disposer of events for a return of the inestimable blessings of peace, union, and harmony throughout the land which it has pleased him to assign as a dwelling-place for ourselves and for our posterity throughout all generations.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thould be a di ABRAHAM LINCOLN. By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

[ No. 21. ] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMAMION.

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A PROCLAMAMION.

Whereas, the Congress of the United States passed an act, which was approved on the 21st day of March last, entitled "An act to enable the people of Nevada to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States:"

And whoreas the said constitution and State government have been formed, pursuant to the conditions prescribed by the fifth section of the act of Congress aforesaid, and the certificate required by the said act, and also a copy of the constitution and ordinances, have been submitted to the President of the United States:

Now, therefore, be it know, that I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, in accordance with the duty imposed upon me by the act of Congress aforesaid, do hereby declare and proclaim that the said State of Nevada is admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thou[L. S.] sand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

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By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

[ No. 22. ] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

the President shall immediately order a draft for one-year to fill such quota, or any part thereof, which may be unfilled:

And whereas by the credits allowed in accordance with the act of Congress, on the call for five hundred thousand men, made July 18th, 1864, the number of men to be obtained under that call was reduced to two hundred and eighty thousand; and whereas the operations of the enemy in certain States have rendered it impracticable to procure from them their full quotas of troops under said call; and whereas, from the foregoing causes, but two hundred and forty thousand men have been put into the army, navy and marine corps under the said call of July 18, 1864, leaving a deficiency on that call of two hundred and sixty thousand (260,000):

Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, in order to supply the aforesaid deficiency, and to provide for casualties in the military and naval service of the United States, do issue this my call for three hundred thousand (300,000) volunteers to serve for one, two, or three years. The quotas of the States, districts, and sub-districts, under this call, will be assigned by the War Department through the bureau of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, and, "in case the quota, or any part thereof, of any town, township, ward of a city, precinct, or election district, or of any county not so subdivided, shall not be filled" before the fifteenth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, then a draft shall be made to fill such quota, or any part thereof, under this call, which may be unfilled on said fifteenth day of February, 1865.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one [L. 84] thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-ninth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. [ No. 24. ] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

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Whereas the act of Congress of the 28th of September, 1850, entitled "An act to create additional collection districts in the State of California, and to change the existing districts therein, and to modify the existing districts therein, and to modify the existing districts therein, and to modify the existing collection districts in the United States," extends to merchandise warehoused under bond the privilege of being exported to the British North American Provinces adjoining the United States, in the manner prescribed in the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1845, which designates certain frontier ports through which merchandise may be exported, and further provides "that such other ports situated on the frontiers of the United States, adjoining the British North American Provinces, as may hereafter be found expedient, may have extended to them the like privileges on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, and proclamation duly made by the President of the United States, specially designating the ports to which the aforestid privileges are to be extended: "Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincols, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury, do hereby declare and proclaim that the port of St. Albans, in the State of Vermont, is, and shall be, entitled to all the privileges in regard to the exportation of merchandise in bond to the British North American Provinces adjoining the United States, which are extended to the ports enumerated in the 7th section of the act of Congress of the 3d of March, 1845, aforestid, from and after the date of this proclamation.

In witness whereof, I have bereunto set my hand, and

January, in the year of our Lord one thousand

[L. S.] eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Indee

pendence of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this tenth day of

January, in the year of our Lord one thousand

[L. S.] eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth.

ABRAMAM LINCOLN.

By the President:

By the President:
WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. [No. 25.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: A PROCEAMATION

WHEREAS objects of interest to the United States require that the Senate should be convened at twelve o'clock on the fourth of March next, to receive and act upon such communications as may be made to it on the part of the Executive:

Now, therefore, I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President of the United States, have considered it to be my duty to issue this, my Proclamation, declaring that an extraordinary occasion requires the Senate of the United States to convene for the transaction of business at the Capitol, in the city of Washington, on the fourth day of March next, at twelve o'clock at noon on that day, of which all who shall at that time be entitled to act as members of that body are hereby required to take notice.

Given under myhand and the seal of the Capitol, the strength of the Capitol of Papers

OFFICIAL. [L. s.] ary, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-ninth. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State [ No. 26. ] BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:
A PROCLAMATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the twenty-first section of the act of Congress, approved on the third instant, entitled "An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," requires "that in addition to the other lawful penalties of the crime of desertion from the military or naval service, all persons who have deserted the military or naval service, or report themselves to a provost-marshal within sixty days after the proclamation hereinafter mentioned, shall be deemed, and taken to have voluntary relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship and their rights to become citizens, and such deserters shall be forever incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under the United States, or of exercising any rights of citizens thereof; and all persons who, being duly enrolled, shall depart the jurisdiction of the district in which he is encolled, or go beyond the limits of the United States with intent to avoid any draft into the military or naval service, duly ordered, shall be liable to the penalties of this section. And the President is hereby authorized and required forthwith, on the passage of this act, to issue his proclamation setting forth the provisions of this section, in which Proclamation the President is requested to notify all deserters returning within sixty days as aforesaid that they shall be pardoned on condition of returning to their regiments and companies or to such other organizations as they may be assigned to until they shall have served for a period of time equal to their original term of enlistment:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Adraham Lincola, President of the United States, do issue this my Proclamation, as required by said act, ordering and requiring all deserters to return to their prejuents and companies, or to such other organizations as they may be assigned to, and serve the remainder of their original term of enlistments, and

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, reliable information has been received that hostile Indians within the limits of the United States have been furnished with arms and munitions of war by persons dwelling in conterminous foreign territory, and are thereby enabled to prosecute their savage warfare upon the exposed and sparse settlements of the frontier.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Abraham Lincoln President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim and direct that all persons detected in that nefarious traffic shall be arrested and tried by court-martial at the nearest military post, and, if convicted, shall receive the punishment due to their deserts.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thould.

L. S.] sand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States the eightyninth.

By the President:

William H. Seward. Secretary of State.

By the President : WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Secretary of State. LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Approved, March S, 1865.

Ah Acr to quiet Titles in Favor of Parties in actual Posesesions of Lande situated in the District of Columbia. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all deeds heretofore recorded in the land records of the District of Columbia, which have been executed and acknowledged by femmes covert (their husbands having signed and sealed the same) for conveying any real estate, or interest therein, situated in said district; and all acknowledged sealed the subject of the said of the

dower in the lands described therein, situated in said district, although she shall not have executed the same.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

Approved, March 3, 1869.

An Acr further to provide for the Verification of Involces.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all consular officers of the United States be and they are hereby, authorized to require before certifying any invoice or invoices under the provisions of the first section of the act entitled "An act to prevent and punish frauds upon the revenue, to provide for the more certain and speedy collection of claims in favor of the United States, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, satisfactory evidence, either by the oath of the person or persons pr senting such invoices or otherwise, that such invoices ar correct and true: Provided, That in the exercise of the discretion hereby given, the said consular officers shall be governed by such general or special regulations or instructions as may from time to time be established or given by the Secretary of State.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

or given by the Secretary of State.
Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Acr amendatory of "An Act to amend an Act entitled an 'Act to promote the Progress of the useful Arts,' approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person having an interest in an invention, whether as inventor or assignee, for which a patent was ordered to issue upon the payment of the final fee, as provided in section three of an act approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, but who has failed to make payment of the final fee as provided in said act, shall have the right to make an application for a patent for his invention the same as in the case of an original application; provided such application be made within two years after the date of the allowance of the original application: Provided, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to hold responsible in damages any persons who have manufactured or used any article or thing for which a patent aforesaid was ordered to issue. This act shall apply to all cases now in the patent-office, and also to such as shall hereafter be filed. And all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Act to amend the third Section of an Act entitled "An Act making Appropriation for sundry Civil Expenses of the Government for the Year ending the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other Purposes," so far as the same relates to Witnesses in the Courts of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the third section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for other purposes," be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto the following proviso: Provided, further, 'I hat in actions by or against executors, administrators, or guardiaus, in which judgment may be rendered for or against them, neither party shall be allowed to testify against the other as to any transaction with, or statement by the testator, intestate, or ward, unless called to testify thereto by the opposite party, or required to testify thereto by the court.

Approved March 3, 1865.

An Act in Relation to the Naval Observatory.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That so much of the first section of the act of third of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine," as requires that the superintendont of the naval observatory at Washington city shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the nivy, be, and is hereby, repealed, and no officer of the navy employed as superlutendent shall receive other than the shore-duty pay of his grade.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Act to extend the Provisions of the first Section of "An Act for the Government of Persons in certain Fisheries," approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress as sembled, That the provisions of the first section of "An act for the government of persons in certain fisheries," approved on the nineleenth of June, in the year one-thousand eight hundred and thirteen, shall extend and apply to the master or skipper and seamen of vessels of the burthen of twenty tons or upwards, qualified according to law for carrying on the mackerel fisheries, bound from a port in the United States to be employed in such fisheries, in the same way as if such fisheries had been embraced in said act: Provided, That the agreement mand in said section shall be duly made, indorsed and countersigned.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS IS MY Prelumination of the ninetectual of Applic, one thousand eight hundred and sixtyons, it was of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia and Jerumanian and President of the Intelligence of the States, it deduced and President of the Intelligence of the States of the device of the President of the Intelligence of the States it decides and President of the Intelligence of the States it the device of the President of the United States and the state of the States it the device of the President of the United States and the state of the States it the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the device of the President of the United States is the Unit

AN ACT to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorpo-

Approved, March 3, 1866.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company in the District of Columbia."

Beit enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company in the District of Columbia," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same hereby is, amended as hereinafter set forth, namely, that the first section be, and hereby is, amended by striking out all after the words "along H street north to Seventeenth street west, intersecting the double-track road," and inserting: also a double or single track railway, commencing at the intersection of D street north and Four-and-a-half street west, along Four-and-a-half street west to the gate of the arsenal; also a double or single track branch railway, commencing at the intersection of Ninth street west and the Washington canal, along Ninth street west to M street north, along M street north to Twelfth street west, and along Twelfth street west to the Washington canal and Maryland avenue to the Potomac River; also a double or single track branch railway, commencing at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue to K street north, along K street north to the Capital street of the privilege of extending the said branch road at any time along K street north to Bock creek, across the bridge over Rock creek to Water street, Georgetown, along Water street in Georgetown to Green street, along Green street to Gay street, and along Gay street and First street to Fayette street, Georgetown, with the privilege of extending the said branch road at any time the road now in operation from Seventeenth street west to the Capitol, from the present terminus of said road on A street north, along A street north to First street east, along First street cast to East Capitol street, along East Capitol street to Ninth street cast, along First street cast in the town of said main railways, or betwe rate the Metropolitan Railroad Company in the District of Columbia."

power to furnish and equip the same for the accommodation and use of any parties who may be desirous of renting and occupying the same, and the real estate, or any part thereof, when in the opinion of said corporation it may be proper to do so, to sell and to convey to any person or persons who may be desirous of purchasing the same furniture and equipment thereof.

Sec. 2. [And be it further enacted.] That the capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed two million dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares of one hundered dollars each, and that it shall be held as personal property, and may be transferred under such regulations as the corporators shall judge convenient.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted. That a general meeting of the corporators shall be annually held on the second Monday of January, for the election of five managers, and the transaction of other business; but if such meeting or election shall not the take place as soon thereafter as may be, one week's public notice thereof being first given in at least two daily newspapers in the city of Washington Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the election of managers shall be by ballof from among the corporators, and that in the enactment of by-laws for the government of the corporation and its officers, and in the decision of all questions, whether of election of officers or disfranchisement of corporators, either because of their delinquency in paying for the amount of stock by them purchased of the corporation, or for other causes, and on all questions at the meetings of the corporation, the corporatory present, either in person or by proxy, shall severally vote once for each share of stock held by them.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the managors shall continue in office until their successors are elected; they shall elect a president from among themselves, supply vacancies in their number, whether occasioned by death, resignation, or refusal to act, and shall have the general and entire control of the affairs and interest

ment of said offenders, and such offenders and the better of conditioners in the house of refinge nearest the place of conviction so designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the better Organization of Indian Abalrs in California."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the sum of sixty thousand dollars, or so much thereof an may be necessary, bo, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of the Interior to pay the settlers in Hoopa Valley, California, for their improvements on the Indian reservation therein: Provided, That before the same or any part of the money hereby appropriated shall be paid, the said improvements shall be appraised by the superintendent of Indian affairs, the Indian agent at said reservation, and the surveyor-general of California; and if, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, their appraisement shall be reasonable, and shall not in the aggregate exceed the sum herein appropriated, the said Secretary is hereby authorized to apply the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in payment for the said improvements, taking the proper releases therefor: And provided, further, That the moneys hereby appropriated be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sales of Indian reservations in said State under the provisions of the act to provide for the better organization of Indian affairs in California, approved April eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Act authorizing the Secretary of the United States situated at Bath, in the State of Maine, for a term of years, the lessee making all repairs theroupon; or he may sell the same at his discretion if it is no longer in use or required for the public service, and he is hereby authorized to have the wharf property belonging to the United States situa

An Act to increase the pay of Midshipmer

An Act to increase the pay of Midshipmen and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That midshipmen, after their final academic examination and until their promotion to the grade of ensign, shall be paid at the rate of eight hundred dollars per annum, while on sea service.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That acting masters' mates shall be styled mates, and the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to increase their pay to a sum not exceeding sixty dollars per month.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That hereafter mates may be rated, under authority of the Secretary of the Navy, from seamen and ordinary seamen, who have enlisted in the naval service for not less than two years, and such rating of an enlisted man, or his appointment as an officer, shall not discharge him from his enlistment.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That no person appointed or rated an officer or clerk in the navy shall receive any bounty while holding an appointment.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That all acts or parts of acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That acting passed act are hereby repealed.

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Approved, March 3, 1865.

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Approved, March 3, 1865.

An Acr to incorporate the "Capitol Hotel Company," in Washington City, District of Columbia."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representalives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles C. Little and A. C. Washburn, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts; George Folsom, Charles A. Stetson, and Frank Moore, of New York city, in the State of New York: and Z. C. Robbins, of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body corporate, by the name of "The Capitol Hotel Company," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, of competent jurisdiction, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incident to such corporation, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in said city of Washington, building or buildings for a hotel, with rooms, shops, and offices, to be used therefor and therewith; and they may purchase and hold real and personal estate required and convenient therefor; and may, after construction thereof, sell, convey, or lease, and receive rent therefor, in whole or in part, as they may choose and find for the interest of said corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the capital stock shall be divided into shares of one thousand dollars each, and shall be deemed personal property, transferable in such manner as the said corporation by its by-laws may direct.

shall be divided into shares of one thousand dollars each, and shall be deemed personal property, transferable in such manner as the said corporation by its by-laws may direct.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the government and direction of the affairs of the c rportors shall be invested in a board of directors, not less than five in number, who shall be elected by the stockholders at their annual meeting, which shall be held on the first Monday of May in each year, from among the corporators and their associates and successors, in such manner as the by-laws of said corporation may direct.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said corporation shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they may deem needful and proper for the disposition and management of the stock, property, estate, and effects of the corporation, not contrary to the charter or to the laws of the United States and the ordinances of the city of Washington, and shall have power to alter or amend the same, from time to time, as the increase of the corporation, in their opinion, may require.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted. That this act may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of Congress.

Approved. March 3, 1885.

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Approved, March 3, 1865.

such manner, and in such installments as any may used to pay any installments, as required by a resolution of the board of directors, after reasonable notice of the same, the said board of directors may sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, so many shares of said stock as shall pays said installments, (and the highest bidder shall be a pays said installments, (and the highest bidder shall be a pays said installments, (and the highest bidder shall be a manufact of shares for the assessment of the said corporation, or may such or and collect the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Sac. 3. And be it further enacted. That section seventees be, and hereby is, so amended as to allow the said corporation three years from the date of the approval of this act in which to complete the railways herein described in the act to which his same and those described in the act to which his same and these described in the act to which his same and the section of the country of the