OFFICIAL.

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

AN ACT to authorize the Issuing of Patents for certain Lands in the Town of Stockbridge, State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

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 acknowledgements of deeds heretofore recorded, as aforesaid, which have been made by femmes covert (whether they have executed the deed or not) for the purpose of releasing their claims to dower in the lands described therein, situated as aforesaid, in which acknowledgement the form prescribed by law has not been followed; and all deeds heretofore recorded, as aforesaid, which have been executed and acknowledged by an attorney-in-fact, duly appointed for conveying real estate situated in said district; and all deeds heretofore recorded, as aforesaid, executed and acknowledged, or only acknowledged by such attorney-in-fact, for conveying real estate situated in said district, as to which the acknowledgement was made before officers different from those before whom proof of the power of attorney was made, and as to which the power of attorney was proved before only one justice of the peace; and all deeds heretofore executed and recorded as aforesaid for the purpose of conveying land situated in said district, acknowledged out of the District of Columbia, before a judge of a United States court, or before two aldermen of a city, or the chief magistrate of a city, or before a notary public; and all deeds heretofore executed and recorded as aforesaid for the purpose of conveying lands situated in said district, acknowledged by an attorney-in-fact, duly appointed, or by an officer of a corporation, duly authorized, who have acknowledged the same to be his act and deed, instead of the act and deed of the grantor or of the corporation; and all deeds heretofore executed and recorded as aforesaid for the purpose of conveying land situated in said district to which there is not annexed a legal certificate as to the official character of the officer or officers taking the acknowledgment, shall be, and the same are hereby, declared to be of the same effect and validity to pass the fee simple or other estate intended to be conveyed, and bar dower in the real estate therein mentioned in favor of parties in actual possession, claiming under and through such deeds, as if such deeds had been by such femmes covert executed and acknowledged, or acknowledged in case of a dower right, in the form and manner prescribed by law, as if such deeds had been executed and acknowledged by the grantor in the deed; as if such power of attorney had been proved before the officer or officers taking the acknowledgment; as if such power of attorney had been proved before two justices of the peace; and if such acknowledgment had been made before any judge of a State court, or before two justices of the peace; as if such attorneys-in-fact or officer of a corporation had acknowledged the deed to be the deed of the grantor or of the corporation; as if such deeds had thereto annexed a certificate, in legal form, that the officer or officers taking the acknowledgement were really what they purport to be: *Provided*, That the certificate of acknowledgement by a feme covert shall show that the acknowledgement was made "apart" or "privily" from her husband, or use some other term importing that her acknowledgment was made out of his presence, and also that she acknowledged or declared that she willingly executed or that she willingly acknowledged the deed, or that the same was her voluntary act, or to that effect: *And provided, also*, That when the power of attorney shall have been executed by a female covert the same shall be effectual and sufficient if there shall have been such an acknowledgment of the same as would be sufficient, under the provisions of this act, to pass her estate and interest therein were she a party executing the deed of conveyance; the record and copy thereof of any deed recorded as aforesaid to be evidence thereof, in the same manner and to have the same effect as if such deed had been originally executed, acknowledged and recorded according to law.

SEC. 2. *And it be further enacted*, That all exceptions in favor of parties beyond the District of Columbia, which may by existing laws be relied or relied on in any action or proceeding brought in said district, are hereby repealed and abrogated: *Provided*, That this section shall not affect the right of parties in actions now pending, and such as may be brought within three years from the passage of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the acts of Congress approved May thirty-first, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and April twenty, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, in reference to the acknowledgement and recording of deeds of land situated in said district, shall be taken and construed as cumulative with the acts of Maryland on the same subject in force in said district at the passage thereof, and that an acknowledgement made and certified in compliance with any one of said acts, and before any officers authorized by either of said acts to take an acknowledgement, (whether in or out of the District of Columbia,) shall be good and effectual; and if it shall appear that the grantor "acknowledged said deed," it shall have the same effect as if he or she acknowledged the deed to be his or her act and deed. And any acknowledgement made by a femme covert under either of said acts of Congress (which shall be sufficient under the provisions of this act) of any deeds executed by her husband, and heretofore recorded in the District of Columbia, shall be good and effectual to bar all claim on her part to dower in the lands described therein, situated in said district, although she shall not have executed the same.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

AN ACT further to provide for the Verification of Invoices.

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 presenting such invoices or otherwise, that such invoices are 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.

AN ACT 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*, That in actions by or against executors, administrators, or guardians, 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.

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 July, 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 superintendent of the naval observatory at Washington city shall be a captain, commander, or lieutenant in the navy, be, and is hereby, repealed, and no officer of the navy employed as superintendent 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 assembled, That the provisions of the first section of "An act for the government of persons in certain fisheries," approved on the nineteenth 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 named in said section shall be duly made, indorsed and countersigned.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

AN ACT to incorporate the Colored Union Benevolent Association.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Gurden Snowden, Charles Brown, James Wright, Sandy Alexander, Henry Logan, Charles Wilson, Henry Brooks, John Shorter, Joseph Shorter, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and title of the Colored Union Benevolent Association, located in the city of Washington, and by its corporate name said association shall have perpetual succession with power to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, in any court of the United States or of the District of Columbia, of competent jurisdiction; to receive subscriptions, gifts and benefits, and to make such rules and by-laws as shall be deemed necessary and expedient for the government of the association, and to alter the same, from time to time, in such mode as shall be prescribed therein: *Provided, always*, That such rules and by-laws shall be in nowise inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or with the objects of the association. The objects of the association are hereby declared to be to provide for the care and comfort of such members as shall be sick, disabled, or dependent, and of the families of such members, in cases where the proper officers of the association shall deem it expedient, and also to provide for the decent interment of such persons as may die in membership of the association or belonging to the families of such members.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said association shall have power to hold real estate, or personal and mixed estate, by purchase, gift, or devise, for the purposes of such association and no other, and to lease, sell, or convey such real estate, or mixed estate, or personal property, as may be devised or donated to such association, and the leasing or sale of which will promote the interests of said association.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress shall have the right at any time, to modify, amend or repeal this act.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

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 and H street north, along Massachusetts avenue to K street north, along K street north to the circle, with the privilege of extending the said branch road at any time along K street north to Rock 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 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 east to East Capitol street, along East Capitol street to Ninth street east, along Ninth street east to L street south, with the right to run public carriages thereon, drawn by horse power, receiving therefor a rate of fare not exceeding eight cents per passenger, for any distance between the termini of either of the said main railways, or between the termini of said branch railways, or between either terminus of said main railway and the terminus of either of said branch railways: *Provided*, That the use and maintenance of the said road shall be subject to the municipal regulations of the city of Washington within its corporate limits.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That section eight hundred and sixty-six, be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the words "five hundred thousand dollars," and inserting the words, "one million dollars:" *Provided*, That the directors of said Metropolitan Railroad Company shall have power to require the subscribers to the capital stock to pay the amount by them respectively subscribed at such time, in such manner, and in such instalments as they may deem proper; and if any stockholder shall refuse or neglect to pay any instalments, 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 pay said instalments, (and the highest bidder shall be taken to be the person who offers to purchase the least number of shares for the assessment due,) under such notice and regulations as may be adopted in the by-laws of said corporation, or may sue for and collect the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That section seventeen 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 and those described in the act to which this is an amendment.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the twenty-second be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the words "at the rate of twenty-five for one dollar," and inserting the words "at the rate of sixteen for this dollar."

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the provision prohibiting any exclusion from any car on account of color, already applicable to the Metropolitan Railroad, is hereby extended to every other railroad in the District of Columbia.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

AN ACT to incorporate the Continental Hotel Company of the City of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lewis Dominici, of New York City, B. B. French, Henry D. Cooke, John W. Forney, of Washington City, Stephen Flanagan, William Overfield, Jr., J. Warren Brown, of Maine, Thornton Smith, George D. Kellogg, and George Plowman, of Philadelphia, and their associates, and all persons who now or hereafter may be holders of the stock hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are hereby, declared to be constituted a body politic or corporate by the style of the Continental Hotel Company, to have perpetual succession, to be capable in law of suing and being sued, to have a common seal, and to have, hold, receive, enjoy, and take, either by absolute conveyance in fee simple or upon ground rent, and in case of conveyance upon ground rent with power to execute the necessary covenants for securing the payment thereof, such real estate as may be necessary or proper for the construction of a hotel in the city of Washington, with such supplementary buildings as may be adapted to and form part of the general plan and design thereof, with 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 hundred 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 then take place, the corporation shall not for that cause be dissolved, but such meeting or election shall 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 ballot 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 corporators 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 managers 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 interests of the company, except so far as may be otherwise provided by the corporators. Three members shall be a quorum at these meetings.

SEC. 6. *And it be further enacted*, That until other officers shall be duly elected, the persons named in the first section of this act shall be held to be managers of the said corporation, and shall have power and authority as such.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this charter.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

AN ACT providing for the Confinement of juvenile Offenders against the Laws of the United States in Houses of Refuge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That juvenile offenders against the laws of the United States, being under the age of sixteen years, and who may hereafter be convicted of crime by any court of the United States, the punishment whereof shall be imprisonment, shall be confined during the term of sentence in some house of refuge to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, and shall be transported and delivered to the warden or keeper of such house of refuge by the marshal of the district where such shall have occurred; or if such conviction be had in the District of Columbia, then, and in such case, the transportation and delivery shall be by the warden of the jail of said district, and the reasonable actual expense of the transportation, necessary subsistence, and hire, and transportation of assistants and the marshal or warden, only, shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior, out of the judiciary fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to contract with the managers or persons having control of such houses of refuge for the imprisonment, subsistence, and proper employment of all such juvenile offenders, and to give the several courts of the United States and of the District of Columbia notice of the places so provided for the confinement of said offenders, and such offenders shall be sentenced to confinement in the house of refuge 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 Affairs 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 as may be necessary, be, 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 Treasury to lease or sell certain Property of the United States situated at Bath, in the State of Maine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to lease the wharf property belonging to the United States situated at Bath, in the State of Maine, for a term of years, the lessee making all repairs thereupon; 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 make, execute, and deliver all needful conveyances to the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

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 [illegible] assistant surgeons and acting surgeons may be appointed in the same manner as acting assistant surgeons are now appointed, who shall receive the compensation of their respective grades.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

AN ACT to incorporate the "Capitol Hotel Company," in Washington City, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives 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 for such use and convenient order; 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 of said corporation shall not exceed the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars, and that the stock be divided into shares of one thousand dollars each, and shall be deemed which 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 corporation 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 period 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 regulation 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 interests of the corporation, in their opinion, may require.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That this act may be altered, amended, or repealed, at the pleasure of Congress.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.]

JOINT 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 RESOLUTION 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 gallantry exhibited by him and the officers and men under his command, in the brilliant action on the nineteenth 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.]

A 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 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 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, 1864.

[No. 5.]

JOINT 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 Georgia.

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 Chattanooga 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.

[No. 6.]

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 concluded 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 force: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notice be given of the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, according to the provision therein contained for 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 Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Approved, January 18, 1865.

[No. 7.]

A 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 gallantry and skill exhibited by them in the attack 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.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 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.]

JOINT 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 the intention of the United States to purchase the same, for the sum of one million dollars, 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.

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 acts 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.

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

ARTICLE XIII.

SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall 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.]

JOINT RESOLUTION declaring certain States not entitled to Representation in the Electoral College.

WHEREAS the inhabitants and local authorities of the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee rebelled against the government of the United States, and were in such condition on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty 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: Therefore,

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 preamble to this joint resolution are not entitled to representation in the electoral college for the choice of President and Vice President of the United States, for the term of four years 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.

[No. 13.]

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

WHEREAS, 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 desirous 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 hostile expeditions against the commerce of the lakes, and by other acts of lawless persons, which the naval force of the two countries, allowed by the existing treaty, may be insufficient to prevent; and whereas, 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,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the notice given by the President 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.

[No. 14.]

JOINT RESOLUTION tendering the Thanks of Congress to Major-General Philip 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 gallantry, military skill, and courage displayed in the brilliant series of victories achieved by them in the valley of the Shenandoah, and especially for their services at Cedar Run, on the nineteenth 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 communicate this resolution to Major-General Sheridan, and through him to the officers and soldiers under his command.

Approved, February 9, 1865.

[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 the 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.]

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.

[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 to obtain the Title to certain Property in Carson City and State of Nevada, for the Purposes of a Branch Mint located 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 Margaret, 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 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 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 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 lots and property as he, the said Secretary, shall deem sufficient 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 sale, pre-emption, or homestead settlement, and shall remain the property of the United States.

Approved, February 23, 1865.

[No. 19.]

JOINT RESOLUTION to facilitate the Adjustment of certain Accounts of the American Colonization Society for the Support of recaptured Africans in Liberia.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to adjust and settle the accounts of the American Colonization Society for the support of recaptured Africans in Liberia, under contracts made for that purpose under the authority of the act of Congress approved June sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty, on the principles of equity.

Approved, February 23, 1865.

[No. 20.]

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 Senate 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.

Approved, February 25, 1865.

[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.]

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 organizations 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 explanations 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 per volume.

Approved, March 2, 1865.

[No. 25.]

JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing a Contract with William 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 Ohio, to paint a picture for the Hall of the House of Representatives, to be placed at the head of one of the grand staircases in the Cap