

March 2, 1853. [No. 12.] *A Resolution to provide for straightening the Eastern Boundary Line of the Naval Hospital lands at New York.*

Alteration of boundary of Navy Hospital lands at New York.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized and empowered, on the part of the United States, to carry into full effect an arrangement made with the coterminous proprietors, whereby a certain part of the eastern boundary of the lands of the Naval Hospital at New York is straightened, as will appear by reference to a map, signed by the said proprietors and the commissioners for running the said line, on the twenty-eighth of November, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and approved by the Secretary of the Navy on the eighteenth of December, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, so that without any pecuniary consideration from the one to the other, the slips of land on the south and west sides of said line, according to said plan, shall become the property of the United States, and so much on the other side as now belongs to the United States shall become the property of the abutting proprietors respectively.*

APPROVED, March 2, 1853.

March 3, 1853. [No. 13.] *A Resolution in Amendment of a Joint Resolution relating to the duties of Inspectors of Steamers, approved the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.*

Duties of steamboat inspector under resolution No. 5, how to be exercised.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of Steamers to exercise the powers conferred upon them by a joint resolution of Congress, approved the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, subject to all the restrictions and limitations therein contained: Provided, That the time granted to applicants shall in no case extend beyond the first day of June next.*

Ante, No. 5. Limit of extension.

Requisition of stamped iron for boilers dispensed with in certain cases.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved, That the said Inspectors may approve of boilers and steam-pipes made prior to the first day of July next, and subsequent to the passage of the act approved the thirtieth of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, and for other purposes," if the same be not made with stamped iron: Provided it shall appear that stamped iron could not be seasonably procured.*

Substitute for metallic life-boats authorized in certain cases.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the said Inspectors shall hereafter be authorized and empowered, upon satisfactory proof that the owner or owners of a steamer are unable to obtain seasonably or upon reasonable terms, a metallic life-boat, as required by said act, or that such a boat is unsuited to the navigation in which a steamer is employed, to accept in any such case a substitute or substitutes for such metallic life-boat: Provided, such substitute shall in their judgment afford safe and suitable means of preserving life in case of accident.*

Proviso.

No persons interested in any patent for life-boats to be competent to be an inspector of steamboats.

SEC. 4. *And be it further resolved, That no person interested as patentee, in any way, direct or indirect in life-preservers, life-boats or any other article required for steamers by the law of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, aforesaid, shall be deemed competent to hold the office of inspector or to discharge the duties thereof.*

APPROVED, March 3, 1853.

March 3, 1853. [No. 14.] *A Resolution for the Relief of the Spanish Consul and other subjects of Spain, residing at New Orleans, and of subjects of Spain residing at Key West, by indemnity for losses occasioned in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one.*

Investigation as to losses of Spanish consul

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby requested to cause an investigation to be*