

## RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] *A Resolution authorizing the Purchase and Restoration to the British Government of the Ship "Resolute," late of the British Navy.* Aug. 28, 1856.

WHEREAS it has become known to Congress that the ship "Resolute," late of the navy of her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, on service in the Arctic seas, in search of Sir John Franklin and the survivors of the expedition under his command, was rescued and recovered in those seas by the officers and crew of the American whaleship, the "George Henry," after the "Resolute" had been necessarily abandoned in the ice by her officers and crew, and after drifting still in the ice for more than one thousand miles from the place where so abandoned—and that the said ship "Resolute" having been brought to the United States by the salvors at great risk and peril, had been generously relinquished to them by her Majesty's government: Now, in token of the deep interest felt in the United States for the service in which her Majesty's said ship was engaged when thus necessarily abandoned, and of the sense entertained by Congress of the act of her Majesty's government in surrendering said ship to the salvors:—

Preamble.

*Be it 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 he is hereby requested to cause the said ship "Resolute" with all her armament, equipment, and the property on board when she arrived in the United States, and which has been preserved in good condition, to be purchased of her present owners, and that he send the said ship with every thing pertaining to her as aforesaid, after being fully repaired and equipped at one of the navy-yards of the United States, back to England under control of the Secretary of the Navy, with a request to her Majesty's government that the United States may be allowed to restore the said ship "Resolute" to her Majesty's service—and for the purchase of said ship and her appurtenances, as aforesaid, the sum of forty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Ship "Resolute" to be equipped and restored to Great Britain.

APPROVED, August 28, 1856.

[No. 2.] *A Resolution authorizing the Acceptance of certain Medals from Foreign Governments.* Aug. 30, 1856.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Surgeon Thomas Williamson and Passed-Assistant Surgeon James F. Harrison, of the United States Navy, be and they are hereby authorized to accept the gold medals recently awarded to them by the Emperor of France.

Thos. Williamson & James F. Harrison authorized to accept the medals tendered to them by the Emperor of France.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That Lieutenant M. F. Maury, of the United States Navy, be and he is hereby authorized to accept the gold medals recently presented to him by the governments of Prussia and Holland, and the Republic of Bremen.

Lieut. M. F. Maury authorized to accept the medals presented to him by Prussia, Holland, and Bremen.

APPROVED, August 30, 1856.