Negotiations with certain governments should be begun to modify the taxes, &c. on American tobacco.

4th. *Resolved*, That diplomatic negotiations with England, France, Spain, and Austria, as well as with China and Japan, ought to be commenced as soon as practicable by the government of the United States, with the view of obtaining a modification of the existing systems of revenue and taxation of those nations in respect to American tobacco, and for this purpose instructions ought to be given to our foreign ministers, consuls, and commercial agents in those nations by the Executive of the United States to use all their constitutional and legitimate functions in producing so desirable a result.

APPROVED, February 14, 1859.

Feb. 18, 1859.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to sell a certain Plat of Land in the City of Petersburg, Virginia, belonging to the United States.*

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 in his discretion, if deemed by him consistent with the public interest, to sell, and by deed convey to the purchaser, a piece or parcel of land lying at the southeast corner of the custom-house lot in Petersburg, Virginia, to be so laid off and defined as to make the eastern boundary of said lot a straight line from its beginning, on Tabb street, through to the lot belonging to Powell's Hotel Company; and that the proceeds of such sale be applied, if necessary, to the completion and furnishing of said custom-house building, or grading and enclosing said lot: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall fix the minimum below which the said lots shall not be sold.

Certain land in Petersburg, Virginia, may be sold.

Proceeds how applied.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 18, 1859.

March 2, 1859.

[No. 12.] *A Resolution conferring the Rank of Senior Flag Officer on the Active Service List of the United States Navy on Captain Charles Stewart.*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to confer on Captain Charles Stewart, of the United States navy, in recognition of his distinguished and meritorious service, the commission of senior flag officer of the United States navy on the active service list.

Capt. Charles Stewart, U. S. N., made senior Flag Officer.

APPROVED, March 2, 1859.

March 3, 1859.

1858, ch. 81, § 2. *Ante*, p. 294.

[No. 13.] *A Resolution in Relation to the Second Section of the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for the Location of certain confirmed private Land Claims in the State of Missouri and for other Purposes."*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second section of the act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for the location of certain confirmed private land claims in the State of Missouri and for other purposes," approved June second, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, is hereby so suspended in its operation and effect until the end of the thirty-sixth Congress, as that no patent or patents shall be issued, nor shall any action be had by the executive branch or department of the government, or any officer or agent thereof, under or by virtue of said section.

Operation of Act of 1858, ch. 81, § 2, concerning certain private land claims in Missouri, in part suspended.

APPROVED, March 3, 1859.

March 3, 1859.

1856, ch. 123. *Ante*, p. 48.

[No. 14.] *A Joint Resolution amendatory of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the Compensation of Members of Congress," approved August sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, so far as relates to such Members as shall die during their Terms of Service.*

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever, hereafter, any

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