of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be amended in its sixth and thirteenth sections, so that when a witness refuses or is unwilling to testify, under the provisions of the said act, the proceedings to compel his testimony may be at the suggestion of either party, instead of at the suggestion of any claimant, as is provided in the said act.

APPROVED, March 15, 1862.

March 15, 1862. [No. 20.] *A Resolution providing for the Custody of the Letter and Gifts from the King of Siam.*

Letter and gifts of the King of Siam.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the letter from His Majesty the Major King of Siam to the President of the United States and the accompanying gifts, be deposited in the collection of curiosities at the Department of the Interior.

APPROVED, March 15, 1862.

March 17, 1862. [No. 21.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to inquire into the Causes of the Failure of certain Contracts for Steam Machinery, and to remit Penalties connected therewith.*

Penalties for failure to deliver steam machinery may be remitted.

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 and empowered to inquire into the circumstances attending the failure of certain contractors for building steam machinery, to deliver the same within the time specified in their several contracts; and to remit the whole of the penalties for such failure, or a part thereof, as to him may seem just and equitable.

APPROVED, March 17, 1862.

March 19, 1862. [No. 22.] *A Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to accept Moneys appropriated by any State for the Payment of its Volunteers, and to apply the same as directed by such State.*

Appropriations of States for volunteers, how applied.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any State during the present rebellion shall make any appropriation to pay the volunteers of that State, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to accept the same, and cause it to be applied by the paymaster-general to the payments designated by the legislative act making the appropriation, in the same manner as if appropriated by act of Congress; and also to make any regulations that may be necessary for the disbursement and proper application of such funds to the specific purpose for which they may be appropriated by the several States.

APPROVED, March 19, 1862.

March 19, 1862. [No. 23.] *A Resolution expressive of the Thanks of Congress to Captain A. H. Foote, of the United States Navy, and to the Officers and Men under his Command in the Western Flotilla.*

Thanks to Captain Foote and the officers and men of the western flotilla.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of Congress and of the American people are due, and are hereby tendered, to Captain A. H. Foote, of the United States navy, and to the officers and men of the western flotilla under his command, for the great gallantry exhibited by them in the attacks upon Forts Henry and Donaldson, for their efficiency in opening the Tennessee, Cumberland, and Mississippi rivers to the pursuits of lawful commerce, and for their unwavering devotion to the cause of the country in the midst of the greatest difficulties and dangers.

APPROVED, March 19, 1862.

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