States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized, in settling the accounts of the petty officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States steamer Varuna, which was sunk during the engagement near New Orleans on or about the twenty-fourth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to credit each of them with the amount of sixty dollars to cover their losses of bedding, clothing, and other property, occasioned by the sinking of the said steamer.

Credit to be given to officers &c., of the Varuna, for losses of property.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

[No. 44.] *Joint Resolution providing for the Distribution of surplus Copies of the Biennial Register for eighteen hundred and sixty-one among the several Bureaus in the Executive Departments.*

July 11, 1862.

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 he is hereby authorized and directed to distribute to each of the several bureaus in the Executive Department[s] one or more copies of the Biennial Register for eighteen hundred and sixty-one and eighteen hundred and sixty-two, from the surplus copies now deposited in the Interior Department: *Provided*, That the number of copies delivered to any one bureau shall not exceed two copies.

Surplus copies of Biennial Register, how distributed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

[No. 51.] *A Resolution to suspend all Payments under the Act approved twenty-fifth of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An Act to secure to the Officers and Men actually employed in the Western Department or Department of Missouri, their Pay, Bounty, and Pension," and for other Purposes.*

July 12, 1862

1862, ch. 49. *Ante*, p. 374.

Post, p. 824.

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 directed to suspend all payments under the act approved twenty-fifth March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "An act to secure to the officers and men actually employed in the western department, or department of Missouri, their pay, bounty, and pension;" and that there shall be appointed by the President, immediately after the passage of this resolution, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, three commissioners, to examine all claims arising under the provisions of that act, and report the same, with the facts connected therewith, to the Secretary of War; said commissioners to have such compensation for their services as the Secretary of War may consider just and reasonable. *Provided*, That said commissioners shall be required to examine and report within sixty days after the passage of this resolution upon all such claims as may be presented by persons claiming to have been organized or employed in the State of Missouri, and to have performed service according to the provisions of the said recited act, whereupon payments shall be made as recommended by said commissioners, and as required by said act: *And provided further*, That within ninety days from the passage of this resolution the said commissioners shall examine and report upon all other claims arising under the act aforesaid, when payments shall be made as herein prescribed.

Payments under act 1862, ch. 49, suspended.

Commissioners to be appointed to examine claims;

and report in sixty days.

Proviso

APPROVED, July 12, 1862.

[No. 52.] *A Resolution to provide for the Presentation of "Medals of Honor" to the Enlisted Men of the Army and Volunteer Forces who have distinguished, or may distinguish, themselves in Battle during the present Rebellion.*

July 12, 1862.

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, authorized to cause two thousand

"Medals of honor" for non-commissioned officers and privates.

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