regiments to the naval service, upon such terms and according to such rules and regulations as he may prescribe: *Provided, nevertheless*, That the number of transfers from any company or regiment shall not be so great as to reduce such company or regiment below the minimum strength required by the regulations of the military service: *And provided, further*, That such sum as may have been paid to persons so transferred, as bounty for entering into the military service, shall be transferred from the recruiting fund of the naval service to the credit of the proper appropriation for the land service.

Company, &c., not to be reduced below minimum strength.

Bounty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That there shall be paid to each enlisted able or ordinary seaman, hereafter enlisted into the naval service, an advance of three months' pay, as a bounty to be refunded to the treasury from any prize money to which such enlisted man may be entitled.

Advance of three months' pay to enlisted able, &c., seamen as a bounty, to be refunded, &c.

APPROVED, February 24, 1864.

[No. 16.] *Joint Resolutions of Thanks of Congress to the Volunteer Soldiers who have re-enlisted in the Army.*

March 3, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of congress are hereby given to those noble and brave men who, having already so gallantly endured the hardships and perils of war, for more than two years, in support of their country's flag, present the sublime spectacle of again voluntarily enrolling themselves in the army of the Union for another three years' campaign, or so long as the war shall continue.

The thanks of congress to volunteers reënlisting.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of War cause these resolutions to be read to each of the veteran regiments who have reënlisted, or shall reënlist, in both the volunteer and regular forces of the United States.

These resolutions to be read to the regiments.

APPROVED, March 3, 1864.

[No. 17.] *Joint Resolution to continue the Payment of Bounties.*

March 3, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the bounties authorized to be paid under existing laws, and by regulations and orders of the War Department, to veterans reënlisting, or persons enlisting in the regular or volunteer service of the United States for three years, or during the war, shall contin[ue] to be paid from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to the first day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, anything in any law or regulation to the contrary notwithstanding; the said bounties to be paid out of any moneys already appropriated for such purposes.

Bounties to enlisted men to be continued.

See *Ante*, Nos. 3, 5, p. 400.

APPROVED, March 3, 1864.

[No. 18.] *A Resolution of Thanks of Congress to Commodore Cadwalader Ringgold, the Officers, and Crew of the United States Ship "Sabine."*

March 7, 1864.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of congress are hereby tendered to Commodore Ringgold, the officers, petty officers, and men of the United States ship "Sabine," for the daring and skill displayed in rescuing the crew of the steam-transport "Governor," wrecked in a gale on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, having on board a battalion of United States marines under the command of Major John G. Reynolds, and in the search for, and rescue of, the United States line-of-battle ship "Vermont," disabled in a gale upon the twenty-sixth of February last, with her crew and freight.

The thanks of congress to Commodore Ringgold, his officers, and men.

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