

and be vested wholly and absolutely in the United States, which shall thenceforth proceed to complete said vessel under such arrangements as may be deemed most advantageous: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein contained shall in any manner affect the contract for the construction of the "Dictator," which shall be completed by said contractor upon the same terms and conditions as if this resolution had not been passed: *And provided, further,* That no action shall be had under this resolution until said contractor shall have signified to the Secretary of the Navy, in writing, his acceptance of its provisions and his willingness to superintend to completion the construction of the "Puritan:" *Provided, further,* That this resolution shall not take effect until the completion and delivery of the "Dictator:" *Provided, also,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy, in carrying this resolution into execution, to apportion and apply to the "Dictator," in payment for that vessel, only such portion of the gross contract price of the two million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) for the "Dictator" and "Puritan" as the "Dictator" would justly be entitled to if both vessels had been completed at the price and in the mode of construction specified in the contract, special reference being had to the difference of cost between the two vessels arising from the difference in their construction provided for in the contract.

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Amounts advanced certain officers and soldiers upon assignments, to be repaid, &c.

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[No. 46.] *Joint Resolution amendatory of "An Act to provide for the Deficiency in the Appropriation for the Pay of Officers and Men actually employed in the Western Department, or Department of Missouri."*

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where any person or persons holding any power of attorney or assignment executed subsequent to August sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and prior to January twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for the sum adjudged due to any officer or soldier by the commissioners appointed under joint resolution approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall have paid any money to any officer or soldier on the faith of such power of attorney or assignment, *that* the paymaster appointed to disburse the funds appropriated by the act approved January twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to provide for the deficiency in the appropriation for the pay of officers and men actually employed in the western department, or department of Missouri, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to such person or persons the amount thus paid to any officer or soldier, upon such attorney or assignee making and filing an affidavit to the effect that the amount was actually paid to said officer or soldier, and upon the paymaster being satisfied that the amount was actually paid; and the amount paid such attorney or assignee under this resolution shall be deducted from the amount due said officer or soldier, anything in any previous action of congress to the contrary notwithstanding.

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[No. 47.] *A Resolution for the Relief of Clerks at the Kittery and Philadelphia Navy Yards.*

Pay of clerks at the Kittery and Philadelphia navy yards.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the settlement of the accounts of the Kittery and Philadelphia navy yards, the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to allow such sums as have already been appropriated by congress for the pay of clerks at said yards, from October, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, to July, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

APPROVED, June 25, 1864.