

Contract with
overland mail
company may be
extended.

and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to extend the mail contract number ten thousand seven hundred and seventy-three with the present contractors, or any other responsible parties, commonly known as the Overland Mail Company, for the term of one year from the first day of July next, upon the same terms and conditions with the present existing contract, except as to schedule time, which shall not exceed sixteen days for eight months of the year, and twenty days for the remaining four months; and except as to compensation, which shall not exceed the sum of eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars, beyond the amount paid for carrying of the printed matter by water.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

Pay not to ex-
ceed \$820,000,
&c.

June 30, 1864.

[No. 54.] *Joint Resolution to provide for the Publication of a full Army Register.*

Full army
register to be
published.

Be it 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 required in connection with the Army Register for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to cause to be printed and published a full roster or roll of all field, line, and staff officers of volunteers who have been in the army of the United States since the beginning of the present rebellion, showing whether they are yet in the service, or have been discharged therefrom, and giving casualties and other explanations proper for such register. And to defray in whole or in part the expenses of this publication an edition of fifty thousand copies of such enlarged register shall be published and may be sold to officers, soldiers, or citizens, at a price which shall not more than cover the actual cost of paper, printing, and binding, and shall not in any case exceed one dollar per volume.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

Number of cop-
ies to be printed.

June 30, 1864.

[No. 55.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to release certain Parties from Liabilities or Payment of Duties and Penalties therein mentioned.*

The "Irish
National Fair"
discharged from
liability for sell-
ing, &c., without
license or stamps.

Be it 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 to release and discharge the "Irish National Fair," recently held at Chicago, of and from all liability heretofore incurred for, or on account of, having sold goods and lottery tickets without license or stamps, and of and from the payment of all license fees, stamp duties, or penalties incurred by reason of the sales aforesaid.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

June 30, 1864.

[No. 56.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to reclaim and preserve certain Property of the United States.*

Improper
appropriation of
streets, &c., in
Washington be-
longing to the
United States, to
be prevented.

Be it 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 is hereby, authorized and directed to prevent the improper appropriation or occupation of any of the public streets, avenues, squares, or reservations in the city of Washington belonging to the United States, and to reclaim the same if unlawfully appropriated; and particularly to prevent the erection of any permanent building upon any property reserved to or for the use of the United States, unless plainly authorized by act of congress, and to report to the congress at the commencement of its next session, his proceedings in the premises, together with a full statement of all such property, and how, and by what authority, the same is occupied or claimed. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the temporary and proper occupation of any portion of