

which the said fund shall be invested, shall be so paid, when due, to the order of the Secretary of the Navy, and he is hereby authorized and directed to exchange the amount of such interest when paid in coin, for so much of the legal currency of the United States as may be obtained therefor at the current rates of premium on gold, and to deposit the said interest so converted in the treasury to the credit of the said naval pension fund; *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the payment of naval pensions under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, as now regulated by law.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

[No. 63.] *Joint Resolution to grant additional Rooms to the Agricultural Department.*

July 1, 1864.

WHEREAS the space assigned to the department of agriculture in the patent-office building, included between the central crypt and the west wing in the first story on the south front, is entirely inadequate to the necessities of the department, two of the rooms within these limits being used as furnace-rooms for the patent-office, one as a chemical laboratory, and another having recently been taken for the use of the land-office, leaving but five rooms, with one small storeroom, for the business of the department: and whereas, additional rooms are indispensably necessary for the convenience of the commissioner, for the accommodation of clerks engaged in the collection and compilation of statistics, and in other official duties; for the better accommodation of the operations of the chemist in making agricultural tests, analyses, and experiments, and for the arrangement and exhibition of pomological, entomological, and agricultural specimens, models, and paintings: Therefore,

Preamble.

[Repealed, *Ante*, p. 381.]

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, in addition to the rooms now occupied by the department of agriculture, there shall be, and hereby is, assigned to the said department the suite of rooms upon the first floor included between the southwest corner and the western entrance of the patent-office building.

Additional rooms for the agricultural department.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

[No. 66.] *A Resolution requesting the President to appoint a Day for National Humiliation and Prayer.*

July 2, 1864.

*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 requested to appoint a day for humiliation and prayer by the people of the United States; that he request his constitutional advisers at the head of the executive departments to unite with him as the chief magistrate of the nation, at the city of Washington, and the members of congress, and all magistrates, all civil, military, and naval officers, all soldiers, sailors, and marines, with all loyal and law-abiding people, to convene at their usual places of worship, or wherever they may be, to confess and to repent of their manifold sins; to implore the compassion and forgiveness of the Almighty, that, if consistent with His will, the existing rebellion may be speedily suppressed, and the supremacy of the constitution and laws of the United States may be established throughout all the states; to implore Him, as the Supreme Ruler of the world, not to destroy us as a people, nor suffer us to be destroyed by the hostility or connivance of other nations, or by obstinate adhesion to our own counsels, which may be in conflict with His eternal purposes, and to implore Him to enlighten the mind of the nation to know and do His will; humbly believing that it is in accordance with His will that our place should be maintained as a united people among the family of nations; to implore Him to grant to

The President requested to appoint a day for fasting, &c.