

our armed defenders and the masses of the people that courage, power of resistance, and endurance necessary to secure that result; to implore Him in His infinite goodness to soften the hearts, enlighten the minds, and quicken the consciences of those in rebellion, that they may lay down their arms, and speedily return to their allegiance to the United States, that they may not be utterly destroyed, that the effusion of blood may be stayed, and that unity and fraternity may be restored, and peace established throughout all our borders.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

[No. 67.] *Joint Resolution in Relation to the Professors of the Military Academy at West Point.*

Professors of the military academy at West Point may be absent, &c.
1863, ch. 75, § 31.
Vol. xii. p. 736.
1864, ch. 145, § 11.
Ante, p. 145.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirty-first section of the act, entitled "An act for enrolling and calling out the national forces, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, or the eleventh section of "An act to increase the pay of soldiers in the United States army, and for other purposes," approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall not be construed to abridge the privileges usually allowed to the professors of the military academy, of being absent during the suspension of the ordinary academic studies of that institution.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

1864, ch. 145, § 1.
Ante, p. 144.

[No. 68.] *A Resolution explanatory of an Act entitled "An Act to increase the Pay of Soldiers in the United States Army, and for other Purposes," approved, June twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.*

Word "musicians" not to include, &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the word "musicians" in the first section of an act entitled "An act to increase the pay of soldiers in the United States army, and for other purposes," approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, is not to be construed to include musicians, (other than leaders,) employed as members of brigade and regimental bands; but such members of bands shall be paid as heretofore, one fourth of the members of each band thirty-four dollars per month, one fourth of them twenty dollars per month, and the remaining half of them seventeen dollars per month.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 4, 1864.

Pay of hospital matrons to be increased.

[No. 75.] *A Resolution to increase the Compensation of Matrons in the Hospitals.*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, hospital matrons shall be entitled to and shall receive ten dollars per month and one ration.

APPROVED, July 4, 1864.

July 4, 1864.

Appropriation for the relief of the sufferers by the accident at the Washington arsenal.

[No. 76.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of the Sufferers by a late Accident at the U. S. Arsenal in Washington, D. C.*

WHEREAS nearly thirty persons, mostly females, were terribly injured, nineteen of them fatally, by an explosion in the cartridge factory at the United States arsenal in Washington, D. C., on the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and whereas all of the wounded are poor, and dependent upon daily labor for bread, who by this calamity have been deprived of the power to earn their living, and are without the