Comparison between reports and articles on hand.

resolution, and a comparison to be made between the reports of the officers in charge of the quartermaster's depots at New York, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Saint Louis, and Louisville, and the articles on hand.

Inventory of property in possession of naval storekeepers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy, in like manner, be directed to cause an inventory to be made of all the property of the United States, in possession of the several naval storekeepers of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

[No. 31.] *A Resolution relating to International Exhibitions at Bergen, in Norway, and Oporto, in Portugal, during the Summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-five.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the governments of the kingdom of Sweden and Norway, and of the kingdom of Portugal, have communicated to the government of the United States the programmes of two international exhibitions to be held respectively at Bergen, in Norway, and at Oporto, in Portugal, during the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-five: Therefore,

International exhibitions at Bergen, Norway, and Oporto, Portugal.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby charged with the duty of making known to the people of the United States, by proclamation, or otherwise, as shall to him seem best, the facts in his possession relating to the international exhibitions proposed to be held at Bergen, Norway, and Oporto, Portugal, during the summer of eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and of inviting their participation therein: *Provided*, That no expense shall be incurred for any agency with regard to such exhibition; nor shall any claim of any agent of our government be hereafter recognized.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

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[No. 32.] *Joint Resolution to amend the joint Resolution entitled "Joint Resolution in Relation to the Public Printing," approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty.*

Paper for printing, how purchased.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the superintendent of public printing shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase the paper required for the public printing by accepting the sealed proposals of the lowest bidder or bidders for any specific portion or portions of the whole amount of any particular kind of paper required, for either three months, six months, or one year, the minimum portion to be specified by the superintendent in his advertisement for proposals, and to be as low as will, in his judgment, most increase competition, and be most advantageous to the United States. In all other respects the proposals and contracts shall be subject to the conditions and requirements of the existing law; and any contractor failing to comply with the terms of his contract, under this resolution, shall be liable to the same extent, and in the same manner as provided in the like case in the joint resolution hereby amended; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent to report fully in regard to all proposals and contracts for paper in his annual report to congress, and also in regard to all proposals and contracts for lithographing and engraving.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

[No. 33.] *A Resolution directing Inquiry into the Condition of the Indian Tribes, and their Treatment by the Civil and Military Authorities.*

Joint committee on the condition of the Indian tribes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be raised a joint committee, to consist of three members of the Senate, to be appointed by the president of the Senate, and four members of the present House, to be appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, to inquire into the present condition of the Indian tribes, and especially into the manner in which they are treated by the civil and military authorities of the United States,

Duties and powers.

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