the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Certain persons disqualified from holding office.

SEC. 3. No person shall be a senator, or representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two thirds of each house remove such disability.

How disability may be removed.

The validity of the public debt not to be questioned.

SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations, and claims shall be held illegal and void.

Certain debts and obligations not to be assumed or paid.

This article may be enforced by legislation.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Attest:
EDW. MCPHERSON,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.
J. W. FORNEY,
Secretary of the Senate.

Received at Department of State June 16, 1866.

[No. 49.] *Joint Resolution relative to Appointments to the Military Academy of the United States.* June 16, 1866.

Age for admission of cadets to United States Military Academy.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the age for the admission of cadets to the United States Military Academy shall hereafter be between seventeen and twenty-two years; but any person who has served honorably and faithfully not less than one year as an officer or enlisted man in the army of the United States, either as a volunteer or in the regular service, in the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, and who possesses the other qualifications prescribed by law, shall be eligible to appointment up to the age of twenty-four years.

Cadets to be appointed one year in advance of their admission, except, &c.

Pay to commence after admission.

New requirements for admission.

1812, ch. 72. Vol. ii. p. 720.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That cadets at the Military Academy shall hereafter be appointed one year in advance of the time of their admission, except in cases where, by reason of death or other cause, a vacancy occurs which cannot be thus provided for by such appointment in advance; but no pay or allowance shall be made to any such appointee until he shall be regularly admitted on examination as now provided by law; nor shall this provision apply to appointments to be made in the present year. And in addition to the requirements necessary for admission as provided by the third section of the "Act making further provisions for the corps of engineers," approved April twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and twelve, candidates shall be required to have a knowledge of the elements of English grammar, of descriptive geography, particularly of our own country, and of the history of the United States.

Mode of appointments. [Repealed. 1867, ch. 170, § 3. *Post*, p. 487.]

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That, in all appointments of cadets to the military academy after those who enter the present year, the person authorized to nominate shall nominate not less than five candidates for each vacancy, all of whom shall be actual residents of the Con-

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gressional district, Territory, or District of Columbia, entitled to the appointment; and the selection of one shall be made from the candidates according to their respective merits and qualifications, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of War shall from time to time prescribe.

Appointments at large.

And in like manner the President of the United States shall be authorized hereafter to nominate fifty at large each year, instead of ten as now provided by law, who shall be examined under like regulations, and of whom the ten who may be reported as most meritorious and best qualified shall be appointed: *Provided, however*, That not more than two of these shall be appointed in any year from one State.

Proviso.

APPROVED, June 16, 1866.

June 18, 1866.

1864, ch. 240. Vol. xiii. p. 381.

[No. 50.] *Joint Resolution to extend to the Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, of West Virginia, the Provisions of the Act approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An Act to restrict the Jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and to provide for the Payment of certain Demands for Quartermasters' Stores and Subsistence Supplies furnished to the Army of the United States."*

Provisions of act 1864, ch. 240, extended to Berkeley and Jefferson counties, West Virginia.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of Congress of July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to restrict the jurisdiction of the court of claims, and for other purposes," be and the same are hereby construed to extend to the counties of Berkeley and Jefferson, of the State of West Virginia.

APPROVED, June 18, 1866.

June 18, 1866.

[No. 51.] *Joint Resolution making an Appropriation for the Repair of the Potomac Bridge.*

Appropriation for repair of Potomac bridge.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the commissioner of public buildings to place the Potomac bridge in such repair as to render it permanently passable, the work to be done immediately after the approval of this joint resolution.

APPROVED, June 18, 1866.

June 18, 1866.

[No. 52.] *A Resolution to provide for the Payment of Bounty to certain Indian Regiments.*

Bounty to be paid to the enlisted men of certain Indian regiments.

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 to cause to be paid to the enlisted men of the first, second, and third Indian regiments the bounty of one hundred dollars, under the same regulations and restrictions as now determine the payment of bounty to other volunteers in the service of the United States.

APPROVED, June 18, 1866.

June 21, 1866.

1864, ch. 80. Vol. xiii. p. 66.

[No. 53.] *A Resolution explanatory of, and in Addition to, the Act of May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An Act granting Lands to aid in the Construction of certain Railroads in Wisconsin."*

The words "in a Northwestern direction," how to be construed in authorizing the location of the road.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "in a northwestern direction," in the third section of the act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of certain railroads in the State of Wisconsin," approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four shall, without forfeiture to said State, or its assigns, of any rights or benefits under said act, or exemption from any of the conditions or obligations imposed thereby, be construed to authorize the location of the line of said