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

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