nulling the same in the usual way, to take effect on the thirtieth day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-seven. And it is hereby made the duty of the Postmaster-General, after the passage of this resolution, to advertise for bids, for the performance of the service, for the residue of the contract term, for at least sixty days, in at least one newspaper published at the seat of government of the State of California; and one newspaper published in Portland, Oregon, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder: *Provided*, That the Postmaster-General, in accordance with the usage of the Department, shall have the power to reject any bid which he may deem exorbitant.

and make a new one.

APPROVED, March 26, 1867.

[No. 13.] *Joint Resolution providing for the Importation into the United States of certain Works of Art Duty free, and for other Purposes.* March 26, 1867.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this joint resolution, any object of art imported by any individual or association of individuals for presentation, as a gift, to the United States government, or to any State, county, or municipal government, shall be admitted free of duty, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

Objects of art imported for presentation to the United States, or to any State, county, or municipal government, to be free of duty.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to refund the duties paid on any steam agricultural machinery imported into the United States during the current fiscal year as models or for experimental purposes, and to remit the duties on any steam machinery of like description which may be imported for such purpose prior to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight: *Provided*, That this section shall apply only to steam ploughs.

Duties paid on certain steam-ploughs may be remitted.

Time extended. *Post*, p. 260.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and required to discontinue the employment of any officer or person employed under the acts for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts within the United States, whenever in his judgment their service is no longer needed, and he is hereby authorized to devolve upon any officer or officers of internal revenue in said districts any portion of the duties imposed by said acts, who shall perform such duties without additional compensation.

Employment of persons for the collection of direct taxes in insurrectionary districts to be discontinued when, &c.

Such duties to be performed by whom.

APPROVED, March 26, 1867.

[No. 14.] *A Resolution to make valid the Laws of New Mexico passed at the Session of the Legislature held at Santa Fé, from the third Day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.* March 26, 1867.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the laws passed by the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, at its last session, which began on the third day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and ending on the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and signed by W. F. M. Army, acting secretary and acting governor of said Territory of New Mexico, shall have the same force and effect as though the same had been approved and signed by the governor duly appointed, subject to the future revision and approval of Congress.

Certain laws passed by the legislative assembly of New Mexico made valid.

APPROVED, March 26, 1867.

[No. 15.] *A Resolution concerning the Uniform of Persons in the Diplomatic Service of the United States.* March 27, 1867.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons in the diplomatic service of the United States are prohibited from wearing any uniform or official costume not previously authorized by Congress.

Persons in the diplomatic service of the United States not to wear any uniform, &c. unless, &c.

APPROVED, March 27, 1867.

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