Jan. 11, 1868. [No. 4.] *Joint Resolution in Relation to the Sale of Stock in the Dismal Swamp Canal Company.*

Sale of stock owned by the United States in Dismal Swamp Canal Company adjourned.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to adjourn the sale of eight hundred shares of the stock owned by the United States in the Dismal Swamp Canal Company from the second day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, (to which day said sale now stands adjourned,) until Saturday, the eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

APPROVED, January 11, 1868.

Jan. 11, 1868. [No. 5.] *A Resolution for the Appointment of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.*

Regents of Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class "other than members of Congress" be filled by the appointment of Theodore D. Woolsey of Connecticut, William B. Astor of New York, John Maclean of New Jersey, and Peter Parker of the city of Washington.

APPROVED, January 11, 1868.

Jan. 31, 1868. [No. 7.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of destitute Persons in the South.*

Relief for destitute persons in the South.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be hereby authorized to issue, for the relief of any and all classes of destitutes in the South, such desiccated potatoes and desic[c]ated mixed vegetables as have accumulated during the war and are not needed for use in the army; the same to be issued under the direction of the commissioner of the bureau of refugees, freedmen, and abandoned lands.

APPROVED, January 31, 1868.

Jan. 31, 1868. [No. 8.] *A Resolution limiting Contracts for Stationery and other Supplies in the executive Departments to one year.*

Contracts for supplies for executive departments to be for one year only.

Opening of bids.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall not be lawful for any of the executive departments to make contracts for stationery or other supplies for a longer term than one year from the time the contract is made; and that whenever proposals for supplies have been solicited, the parties responding to such solicitation shall be duly notified of the time and place of opening the bids, and be permitted to be present either in person or by attorney, and a record of each bid shall then and there be made.

APPROVED, January 31, 1868.

Feb. 3, 1868. [No. 9.] *Joint Resolution to provide for a Commission to examine and report on Meters for distilled Spirits.*

Commission on meters for distilled spirits;

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission, to consist of five persons, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is hereby created, whose duty it shall be, in connection with the existing commission of the academy of science, to carefully examine all meters and mechanical contrivances or inventions that may be presented to them, intended to measure, test, and ascertain the productiveness of grain, or other articles prepared for distillation, or the actual quantity and strength of distilled spirits, subject to tax, produced therefrom, giving due notice

when to meet and report.

of the times and places where such examination will be conducted; and that the commission shall meet and proceed to the performance of their

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