duties, under the instructions of the Secretary of the Treasury, at the earliest practicable day, and shall report in detail to the said Secretary, to be communicated to Congress, the result of their examination, with such recommendation as they may deem expedient and most to the interest of the government, on or before the first of March next.

Work on construction of meters suspended, and no further contract for them, until, &c. 1867, ch. 169, § 15. Vol. xiv. p. 481.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That pending the action of said commission, and until their report be made and a meter shall be by law adopted, all work on the construction of meters, under the direction of the Treasury Department, be, and is hereby, suspended. And in the mean time no further contract for meters shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury under the fifteenth section of the act entitled "An act to amend existing laws relating to internal revenue, and for other purposes," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Expenses of commission under this resolution.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the expenses incident to the carrying out of this joint resolution, and also a reasonable compensation for the services of such of the said commissioners as are not now officers of the United States or members of the said academy.

APPROVED, February 3, 1868.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution providing for the Sale of Iron-Clads.* Feb. 3, 1868.

Sale of iron-clads.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to dispose of such iron-clad vessels, except those of the "Dictator," "Kalamazoo," "Monadnock," and "Passaic" classes, as in his judgment are not required by the interests of the service, at a price to be determined by appraisal, to be made by a board of not less than five naval officers, two of whom shall be engineers; and report shall be made to Congress, as fast as said vessels are sold, of the amounts realized from such sales, and the parties to whom sold: *Provided*, That after such appraisal public notice shall be given that proposals will be received for thirty days for the purchase of said vessels; and that the highest price so proposed, being not less than the appraisal, shall be accepted: *And provided further*, That the proceeds of all such sales shall be paid into the treasury of the United States.

Mode of sale.

Public notice.

Proceeds of sale.

APPROVED, February 3, 1868.

[No. 11.] *Joint Resolution for reducing the Expenses of the War Department, and for other Purposes.* Feb. 21, 1868.

Expenses of army and of War Department at New York to be reduced, and how.

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, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to take immediate measures for the reduction of the expenses of the army and of the War Department at and in the vicinity of New York City at as early a day as practicable, by concentrating the business of the quartermaster, commissary, clothing, ordnance, and medical bureaus, and recruiting service in said city, and that for this purpose there shall be hired and used at some convenient and proper point in said city one suitable building in which shall be accommodated all the offices connected with and required for the transaction of such public business, at a cost to the government not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars per annum; and also a suitable building or property within the harbor of New York, or on the navigable waters thereof, which shall have sufficient accommodation of warehouse, pier, dock, and basin room for the safe and convenient receiving, storing, and care of all army stores of every kind and description belonging to either of said bureaus or branches of the service, at an annual cost to the government not

Buildings for offices, storage, &c.

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