[No. 20.] *Joint Resolution providing for the necessary Surveys for a Ship Canal around the Falls of the Ohio River, for military, naval, and commercial Purposes.* March 29, 1867.

*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 cause surveys, with plans and estimates of cost, to be made by an officer of engineers, for a ship canal around the falls of the Ohio river on the Indiana side thereof, of suitable location and dimensions for military, naval, and commercial purposes; and also to cause said officer to estimate the expense of completing the Louisville and Portland canal, on the Kentucky side of said falls, according to the plan on which the said canal company is now progressing with said work, and that the expenses of both be defrayed from the sums appropriated in the acts of June twenty-three, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, for examination and surveys relating to the improvement of harbors and rivers on the northwestern lakes.

Surveys, plans, and estimates to be made for a ship canal around the falls of the Ohio River.

Expense of completing the Louisville and Portland canal to be estimated.

1866, ch. 138. 1867, ch. 144. Vol. xiv. pp 70, 418.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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[No. 21.] *Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to build Dredge Boats for Use at the Mouth of the Mississippi River.* March 29, 1867.

*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 is hereby, authorized, on the recommendation of the engineer department, to build and operate two dredge boats for the purpose of deepening and keeping open the channel of one or more of the passes at the mouth of the Mississippi, and to expend for that purpose so much as may be necessary of the appropriation for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi river, provided for in the "Act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works heretofore commenced under the authority of law, and for other purposes," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Secretary of War to build and operate two dredge boats, to keep open the channel of one or more of the passes at the mouth of the Mississippi.

1867, ch. 144. Vol. xiv. p. 418.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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[No. 22.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Second Auditor to Settle the Accounts of Officers of the Army in certain Cases.* March 29, 1867.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the second auditor be, and is hereby, authorized and instructed to audit and settle the accounts of line officers of the army to the extent of their pay for their services as such, due them from the United States, in all cases where such auditor shall be satisfied by affidavit of such line officer or otherwise, of their inability to make their monthly report or returns by reason of their having been prisoners in the hands of the enemy, or any accident or casualty of war, they have been unable to account for property in their possession.

Second auditor to audit and settle the accounts of line officers of the army in all cases where, &c.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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[No. 23.] *Joint Resolution relative to the Issue of Agricultural College Scrip to the States lately in Rebellion.* March 29, 1867.

WHEREAS on the third day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, by the authority and direction of the President of the United States, agricultural college scrip, covering nearly two hundred and seventy thousand acres, was issued and delivered to the State of North Carolina, under the act of Congress of July *fifth* [second], eighteen hundred and sixty-two, providing for agricultural colleges; and whereas, by the same authority, the general land office is now preparing to issue scrip in like manner to the States of Virginia, Georgia, and Mississippi; and whereas said action of

Preamble. 1862, ch. 130. Vol. xii. p. 503.

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