the President takes for granted that said States are restored to their proper constitutional relation to the Union, and are to be recognized in all respects as entitled to the rights of the other States of the Union, which questions Congress alone can rightfully determine: Therefore,

Further issues or delivery of agricultural college scrip to any State lately in rebellion, except Tennessee, prohibited, until, &c.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the further issue or delivery of such scrip to any of the States lately in rebellion against the United States, except the State of Tennessee, or the acceptance of such scrip or of any heretofore issued by the registers or receivers of any of the land offices of said States be, and the same is hereby, prohibited until they shall be fully restored to their rights as States by Congress.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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March 29, 1867. [No. 24.] *A Resolution in Relation to the educational Interests of the District of Columbia.*

Commissioner of education to obtain certain educational statistics in the District of Columbia, and report the same to Congress, &c.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioner of education be directed to ascertain the number of children resident in the District of Columbia over the age of six years and under the age of eighteen years: the number of said children that are blind, and the number that are deaf and dumb; the number and character of public school-houses, number of teachers, and the number of pupils in attendance, number and character of school libraries, character of text-books used, average period per annum each pupil is taught, and cost of tuition, with incidental expenses of said schools, and report the same to Congress at its next regular session, together with his opinion of the relative efficiency of the system now in force in said District, and whether any additional legislation is necessary in order to secure the advantages of said system to all of said children.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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March 29, 1867. [No. 25.] *A Resolution in Reference to the Collection and Payment of Moneys due Colored Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, or their Heirs.*

Checks, &c. issued to settle claims for pay, bounty, &c. due colored soldiers, prosecuted by an agent or attorney, to be made payable to the commissioner of the freedmen's bureau, &c.

Duty of commissioner.

No money to be paid, except, &c.

No power of attorney, &c. to be recognized.

The payment, &c. of the claimants to be facilitated.

Commissioner responsible for the custody and disbursement of these funds; to adhere to scale of fees.

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*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all checks and treasury certificates to be issued in the settlement of claims for pay, bounty, prize-money, or other moneys due to colored soldiers, sailors, or marines, or their legal representatives now residing, or who may have resided, in any State in which slavery existed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, the claim for which has been or may be prosecuted by an agent or attorney, shall be made payable to the commissioner of the freedmen's bureau, who shall pay the said agent or attorney his lawful fees and expenses, and shall hold the balance subject to the order of the claimants on satisfactory identification; but no money shall be paid to any person except the claimant or his or her legal representatives, if deceased; nor shall any power of attorney, transfer, or assignment of the amount of said claims, or any part thereof, be recognized or allowed by the commissioner, or by any officer or agent acting under him; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioner, the officers and agents of the freedmen's bureau, to facilitate as far as possible the discovery, identification, and payment of the claimants.

SEC 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the commissioner of the freedmen's bureau shall be held responsible for the safe custody and faithful disbursement of the funds hereby entrusted to him. In settling with the attorney or agent of the claimant strict compliance with the scale of fees prescribed by the second section of a joint resolution approved June twenty-six, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "Joint resolution amendatory of a joint resolution respecting bounties to colored soldiers and the pensions, bounties, and allowances to their heirs," approved June fifteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, will in every case be required

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