may be happily terminated by a policy of forbearance on the part of the Turkish government, and they hereby declare their earnest hope that the Turkish government will listen kindly to this representation, and will speedily adopt such generous steps as will secure to Crete the much-desired blessings of peace and the advantages of autonomic government.

Contest in Crete should be closed.

SEC. [2]. *And be it further resolved*, That religion, civilization, and humanity require that the existing contest in Crete should be brought to a close, and to accomplish this result the civilized powers of the world should unite in friendly influence with the government of Turkey.

Minister of the United States to be instructed to, &c.

Copy to Turkey.

SEC. [3]. *And be it further resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the President to instruct the minister of the United States at Constantinople to co-operate with the ministers of other powers in all good offices to terminate the sufferings of the people of Crete; and that it shall be the further duty of the President to communicate a copy of this resolution to the government of Turkey.

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July 27, 1868.

[No. 83.] *Joint Resolution to aid in relieving from Peonage Women and Children of the Navajo Indians.*

Women and children of Navajo Indians to be reclaimed from peonage.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Lieutenant-General W. T. Sherman be, and is hereby, authorized and requested to use the most efficient means his judgment will approve to reclaim from peonage the women and children of the Navajo Indians, now held in slavery in the territory adjacent to their homes and the reservation on which the Navajo Indians have been confined.

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[No. 84.] *Joint Resolution relative to the Pay of the chief Clerk in the Office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.*

Pay of chief clerk in office of sergeant-at-arms of the House.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the clerk is directed to pay from the contingent fund of the House to the chief clerk in the office of the sergeant-at-arms the difference between his present pay and the amount voted him by a resolution of the House, passed June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, thereby fixing the salary of the clerk in the office of the sergeant-at-arms at twenty-five hundred dollars per annum.

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