examining applications for passports, is hereby authorized and empowered to receive and attest, but without charge to the affiant, all oaths, affidavits, or affirmations which are or may be required by law, or by the rules of the Department of State, to be made before granting such passport or passports; and such oaths, affidavits, or affirmations shall be deemed to be made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

ment may administer oaths, &c.

Perjury.

APPROVED, February 3, 1870.

[No. 12.] *Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to provide for taking meteorological Observations at the military Stations and other Points in the Interior of the Continent, and for giving Notice on the northern Lakes and Seaboard of the Approach and Force of Storms.*

Feb. 9, 1870.

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 hereby is, authorized and required to provide for taking meteorological observations at the military stations in the interior of the continent, and at other points in the States and Territories of the United States, and for giving notice on the northern lakes and on the sea-coast, by magnetic telegraph and marine signals, of the approach and force of storms.

Secretary of War to provide for taking meteorological observations and to give notice of the approach and force of storms. See *Ante*, p. 90.

APPROVED, February 9, 1870.

[No. 13.] *A Resolution donating to the public Schools of Washington, District of Columbia, the Frame Building located at the southeast Corner of Twenty-second Street West and I Street North, in said City.*

Feb. 12, 1870.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be donated to the city of Washington, for the use of the public schools of said city, the frame building now in the possession of the Freedmen's Bureau, located on the southeast corner of Twenty-second Street west and I Street north, and that the commissioner of said bureau be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to turn over said building to the mayor of Washington for the purpose stated, the transfer to take effect from December one, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

Building given to Washington for the use of the public schools.

APPROVED, February 12, 1870.

[No. 15.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the Disposal of "Bridges' Battery Association," at Chicago, Illinois, certain captured Ordnance.*

Feb. 21, 1870.

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 place at the disposal of the "Bridges' Battery Association," at Chicago, Illinois, ten captured twelve-pounder guns of obsolete patterns, now condemned and in store at the Rock Island Arsenal, to be placed around a large and beautiful lot in Rosehill Cemetery, at Chicago, Illinois.

Bridges' Battery association to have certain captured ordnance placed at its disposal.

APPROVED, February 21, 1870.

[No. 16.] *Joint Resolution to sell or exchange the Site of Custom-house in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, that a more suitable Location may be obtained.*

Feb. 24, 1870.

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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder therefor, the present site for a custom-house in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, or to exchange the same for a new and more eligible site, as directed in the following section.

Secretary of Treasury may sell or exchange the site of custom-house in Nashville, Tennessee.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That out of the proceeds of the said sale, or by such exchange, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and

New site may be procured.

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