where there could have been no lawful muster.

existing at the time, there could have been no lawful muster into service even after the actual receipt of the commission.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

July 11, 1870. [No. 103.] *Joint Resolution making an Appropriation to pay the Government of Great Britain and Ireland in Accordance with the Award of the Commissioners appointed under the Treaty of July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to settle the Claims of the Hudson's Bay Company and of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company.*

Preamble. Vol. xiii. p. 651.

WHEREAS, by the award made on the tenth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, by the commissioners under the treaty of July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, between her Britannic Majesty and the United States of America, it was determined that, in full satisfaction of all the possessory rights and claims of the Hudson's Bay Company and of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, there should be paid by the government of the United States to the government of Great Britain and Ireland the sum of six hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold coin, in two annual instalments, the first to be paid within twelve months after and the second within twenty-four months after the date of the said award: therefore,

Appropriation for payment of award to Great Britain.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars in gold coin be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the payment *of* [to] the government of Great Britain and Ireland of the sum by the said award determined to be due on the tenth day of September next, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

July 11, 1870. [No. 104.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Improvement of the Grounds owned by the United States in the City of Buffalo, New York, known as Fort Porter.*

The grounds known as Fort Porter in Buffalo, N. Y. may be improved.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Buffalo, in the State of New York, through its park commissioners, to improve and beautify the grounds known as Fort Porter, situated in said city, and belonging to the United States, in connection with a public park to be laid out on land adjoining the said grounds, the plans for the same to be approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not be construed to pass any title in the said grounds, but that the ownership and control of the said grounds shall remain entirely in the United States, and shall be subject to such changes and uses for military purposes as the Secretary of War may direct.

No title to pass hereby, &c.

APPROVED, July 11, 1870.

July 11, 1870. [No. 105.] *Joint Resolution concerning Arsenal Grounds at Saint Louis, Missouri.*

Portion of the arsenal grounds at St. Louis, Mo. to be occupied for monument to General Lyon;

another portion to be reserved;

the rest to be sold at auction.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acts of twenty-eighth July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and third March, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, in relation to the sale of Saint Louis arsenal, be, and are hereby, so far amended that the portion of ground to be granted for the erection of a monument in memory of the late Brigadier-General Nathaniel Lyon, shall embrace all the ground lying between Carondolet Avenue and Fourth Street, as laid down on the plat of the ground now in the ordnance office; that all the ground and buildings thereon lying between Second Street and the river *to* be reserved for such use as the interest of the army may require; and that the remainder of the ground, lying between Second and Fourth streets, be sold at public auction, in the manner prescribed by the above-cited act of twenty-eighth July,

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