July 14, 1870. [No. 117.] *A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to take Charge of the Gettysburg and Antietam national Cemeteries.*

Secretary of War to take charge of the Gettysburg and Antietam national cemeteries.

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, directed to accept and take charge of the soldiers' national cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and the Antietam national cemetery at Sharpsburg, Maryland, whenever the commissioners and trustees having charge of said cemeteries are ready to transfer their care to the general government. That when the afore-mentioned cemeteries are placed under the control of the Secretary of War, *that* they be taken care of and maintained in accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish and protect national cemeteries," approved February twenty-two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

1867, ch. 61. Vol. xiv. p. 399.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870. [No. 118.] *A Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to appoint Guardians or Trustees for minor Indian Children who may be entitled to Pensions or Bounties under the existing Laws.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry Indians served in the federal army, some of whom died in the service and others since, leaving minor heirs; and whereas there is no provision of law for said minor Indians to obtain bounties, back pay, or other benefits to which their ancestor was entitled: Therefore,

Guardians or trustees to be appointed minor Indian children entitled to pensions or bounties; to give bond, power, &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of Indian affairs is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint guardians or trustees of any of said minors, and to take bond and security for the performance of such duties; and such guardian or trustee shall be authorized to collect from the government all such back pay, bounties, and pensions to which said minors may be entitled, and to expend the same for the use and benefit of such minors, with the consent and under the direction of any court of record of the United States or of any Territory having jurisdiction at the place where such minors may reside: *Provided*, That the terms of the foregoing resolution shall not apply to the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw, or Seminole nations of Indians, or conflict in any manner with the provisions of the treaties of eighteen hundred and sixty-six with those nations: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this resolution shall extend only to Indians serving in the ninth regiment of Kansas cavalry.

This not to apply to certain tribes, &c.

To extend only to whom.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870. [No. 119.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer to Keokuk, Iowa, condemned Ordnance for the Ornamentation of the Soldiers' Cemetery at that Place.*

Condemned ordnance for soldiers' cemetery in Keokuk, Iowa.

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 transfer from the most convenient point to Keokuk, Iowa, such condemned ordnance as he may deem proper, to be used in the ornamentation of the soldiers' cemetery at said city.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870. [No. 120.] *Joint Resolution relative to the Stone presented by the Patriots of Rome to the late President Lincoln.*

The stone presented by the

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the architect of the Capitol be, and he is hereby, directed to cause the stone presented to the late

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