No. 9.] *A Resolution for the Relief of Settlers upon the Absentee Shawnee Lands in Kansas.* April 7, 1869.

WHEREAS a large tract of lands set apart by a treaty with the Shawnee tribe of Indians, dated May tenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and proclaimed November second, anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the benefit of certain absentees of the said Shawnee tribe, is now, and for many years past has been, occupied by a large number of white settlers and citizens of the State of Kansas; and whereas the beneficial interest of the said absentee Shawnees in said lands was and is absolutely forfeited by reason of their continued absence and non-affiliation with the said Shawnee tribe; and whereas the said lands were ordered to be publicly sold at the United States land office at Topeka, August third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, by Abraham Lincoln, President, by his proclamation dated March twentieth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and by reason of the absence of large numbers of said settlers from their homes in the federal armies the sale was indefinitely postponed: Therefore, Preamble. Vol. x. p. 1053.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each bona fide settler now occupying said lands and having made improvements thereon, or the heirs at law of such, who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become such, shall be entitled to purchase the land so occupied and improved by him, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in each case, at the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe: *Provided, however*, That the proceeds of said sales shall be applied in accordance with the provisions [of the treaty] between the United States and the said Shawnee Indians, proclaimed November second, anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-four. Certain bona fide settlers on certain Shawnee lands in Kansas may purchase the land occupied, &c. by them at, &c. Proceeds of sales how to be applied. Vol. x. p. 1053.

APPROVED, April 7, 1869.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Building of a Railroad Bridge over the Ohio River at Paducah, Kentucky.* April 7, 1869.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, given to the erection of a railroad bridge over the Ohio river from the city of Paducah, Kentucky, to the State of Illinois, by the Paducah and Gulf Railroad Company and such others as may associate with them for that purpose under the laws of the States of Kentucky and Illinois: *Provided*, That said bridge is built with an unbroken or continuous span of not less than four hundred feet in the clear, from pier to pier, over the main channel of the river, and is built in all other respects in accordance with the conditions and limitations of an act entitled "An act to establish certain post-roads," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; that said bridge, when completed in the manner specified in this resolution, shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall be a post-road for the transmission of the mails of the United States; but Congress reserves the right to withdraw the assent hereby given in case the free navigation of said river shall at any time be substantially and materially obstructed by any bridge to be erected under the authority of this resolution, or to direct the necessary modifications and alterations of said bridge. Consent of Congress given to the erection of a bridge over the Ohio river from Paducah, Ky., to Illinois, by, &c. Bridge how to be built; 1862, ch. 167. Vol. xii. p. 569. to be a post-road. Assent of Congress may be withdrawn.

APPROVED, April 7, 1869.

[No. 11.] *Joint Resolution concerning Vacancies in the Adjutant-General's Department.* April 10, 1869.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancies existing in

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