

sum of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, to enable him to employ a private amanuensis, on account of partial disability of his right hand from wounds received in battle.

Britain, for an amanuensis.

APPROVED, January 11, 1871.

[No. 7.] *A Resolution authorizing the Appointment of Commissioners in Relation to the Republic of Dominica.* Jan. 12, 1871.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be authorized to appoint three commissioners, and also a secretary, the latter to be versed in the English and Spanish languages, to proceed to the island of San Domingo, and to such other places, if any, as such commissioners may deem necessary, and there to inquire into, ascertain, and report the political state and condition of the republic of Dominica, the probable number of inhabitants, and the desire and disposition of the people of the said republic to become annexed to and to form part of the people of the United States; the physical, mental, and moral condition of the said people, and their general condition as to material wealth and industrial capacity; the resources of the country; its mineral and agricultural products; the products of its waters and forests; the general character of the soil; the extent and proportion thereof capable of cultivation; the climate and health of the country; its bays, harbors, and rivers; its general meteorological character, and the existence and frequency of remarkable meteorological phenomena; the debt of the government and its obligations, whether funded, and ascertained, and admitted, or unadjusted and under discussion; treaties or engagements with other powers; extent of boundaries and territory; what proportion is covered by foreign claimants or by grants or concessions, and generally what concessions or franchises have been granted, with the names of the respective grantees; the terms and conditions on which the Dominican government may desire to be annexed to and become part of the United States as one of the Territories thereof; such other information with respect to the said government or its territories as to the said commissioners shall seem desirable or important with reference to the future incorporation of the said Dominican republic into the United States as one of its Territories.

Appointment of commissioners and secretary to proceed to the island of San Domingo; their duties.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the said commissioners shall, as soon as conveniently may be, report to the President of the United States, who shall lay the report before Congress.

Report to the President.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved,* That the said commissioners shall serve without compensation, except the payment of expenses; and the compensation of the secretary shall be determined by the Secretary of State, with the approval of the President: *Provided,* That nothing in these resolutions contained shall be held, understood, or construed as committing Congress to the policy of annexing the territory of said republic of Dominica.

Commissioners to serve without compensation. Pay of secretary. Congress not committed hereby.

APPROVED, January 12, 1871.

[No. 8.] *Joint Resolution granting condemned Ordnance to the Seventh Regiment Monument Association of Ohio.* Jan. 18, 1871.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to deliver to the Seventh Regiment Monument Association of Ohio four pieces of condemned iron cannon, to be used in ornamenting the grounds around a monument now being erected at Cleveland, Ohio, in memory of the officers and soldiers of the seventh regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry, who lost their lives in the late war.

Condemned ordnance to the Seventh Regiment Monument Association of Ohio.

APPROVED, January 18, 1871.