July 15, 1870. [No. 138.] *Joint Resolution for the Settlement of the Accounts of Charles C. Upham, late Paymaster in the Navy, deceased.*

Accounts of Charles C. Upham to be adjusted.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy may be authorized and directed to cause the accounts of Charles C. Upham, late paymaster in the navy, deceased, to be settled and adjusted upon just and equitable principles.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

July 15, 1870. [No. 139.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Chief Engineers George Sewell and William H. Shock, of the Navy.*

Service of George Sewell and William H. Shock as chief engineers in the navy to be considered as commencing when, &c.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the service of George Sewell and William H. Shock, as chief engineers of the United States navy, shall be considered as having commenced at the same date as that of Samuel Archbold, with whom they were examined as first assistant engineers, and passed for promotion to the grade of chief engineer.

APPROVED, July 15, 1870.

July 15, 1870. [No. 140.] *Joint Resolution directing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a Patent to Stephen Marston, of Hartford, State of Connecticut, conveying to the said Marston the Lands described in said Resolution.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS the said Stephen Marston is in possession of the following-described lands, to wit: A certain piece or parcel of land in fractional section five, in township thirteen north, of range five east, in Bay county, State of Michigan, being part of the middle ground in Saginaw river, in the said State of Michigan, described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a point where the north line of said section five intersects the east bank of said middle ground, said point being located forty-one chains and fourteen links east of the northwest corner of section five; running thence west on the township line seven chains and fifty-seven links; thence south four degrees and fifty minutes east (true meridian), eighteen chains and twenty-nine links; thence east, parallel with the township line, seven chains and fifty-seven links, to the river bank; thence northerly along the meanderings of said river to the place of beginning. Also, a portion of section thirty-two, in township fourteen north, of range five east, lying immediately north of and adjoining the above-described land, described as follows: Commencing at the point where the south line of said section thirty-two intersects the east bank of said middle ground, said point being located forty-one chains and fourteen links east of the southwest corner of said section thirty-two; running thence west on the township line seven chains and fifty-seven links; thence north two degrees and fifty-nine minutes west (true meridian), three chains and fifty-three links; thence east, parallel with township line, seven chains and fifty-seven links, to the river bank; thence southerly with the meandering of said river to the place of beginning, containing in the two parcels of land above described sixteen and fifty-one hundredths acres, be the same more or less, and has improved said lands by erecting, or causing to be erected, thereon a saw-mill and other buildings of great value, namely, of the value of twenty thousand dollars; and whereas said lands are in the Saginaw river, in the said State of Michigan, and known as middle ground; and whereas said Marston and his grantors owned the land on the shore or bank of said river opposite the said above-described lands, and supposing and believing that he was the legal owner of said lands, he proceeded to make, or cause to be made, the said improvements on said lands: Therefore,

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

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