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RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] Joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. Dec. 15, 1877.

Whereas, the United States have been invited by the Republic of France to take part in a universal exposition of the productions of agriculture, manufactures, and the fine arts, to be held in Paris in eighteen hundred and seventy-eight: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said invitation is accepted, and that the Governors of the several States and Territories be, and are hereby, requested to invite the people of their respective States and Territories to assist in the proper representation of the productions of our industry, and of the natural resources of the country, and to take such further measures as may be necessary in order to secure to their respective States and Territories the advantages to be derived from this beneficent undertaking. Paris Exposition; invitation to, accepted.

SEC. 2. That the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a Commissioner-General to represent the United States in the proposed exposition, and, under the general direction of the Secretary of State, to make all needful rules and regulations in reference to the contributions from this country, and to control the expenditures incident to the proper installation and exhibition thereof, and to the preparation of the reports on the exposition; and that the President may also appoint twenty additional commissioners, no two of whom shall be appointed from any one State of whom three shall be practical artisan experts, three shall be skilled representatives of commerce and manufactures, and four shall be practical agriculturalists, nine shall be scientific experts, corresponding to, and specifically assigned to report upon, the nine groups into which the exposition will, under the official regulations, be divided, and one who shall be assistant commissioner-general, and shall perform the duties of commissioner-general in case of his death or disability, and shall report upon the exhibition at large, and the general results thereof; that the allowance to said commissioner-general for salary and personal expenses shall not exceed five thousand dollars for his whole term of office; and the allowance of the twenty additional commissioners for salary and personal expenses shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars each, not including such clerical service as may be allowed by the commissioner-general, which shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars; and the Governors of the several States may nominate and the President appoint two honorary commissioners from each of the several States, and the President may appoint twenty-four additional honorary commissioners, among whom there shall be at least one resident of each of the Territories of the United States which said honorary commissioners may report upon such special subjects as the commissioner-general may direct, and shall serve without pay or other expense to the United States. *And provided further*, That in case the authorities of any State or Territory shall appoint a commissioner or commissioners to represent the interests of such State or Territory at said exhibition said commissioner or commissioners so appointed shall have the same status in the commission as the honorary commissioners provided for herein but shall not be entitled to either pay or compensation out of the money hereby appropriated: *Provided always*, That no person appointed by virtue of this resolution shall have any pecuniary interest, directly or indirectly, in

Commissioner-General; appointment; powers.

Additional commissioners.

Assistant commissioner-general.

Allowances

Clerical service.

Honorary commissioners.

State commissioners.

No pecuniary interest in exhibits.

any article exhibited for competition, or act as the agent for any exhibitor. And not more than one of the commissioners entitled to compensation, nor more than five of the honorary commissioners shall be appointed from any one State or Territory.

Use of public vessels.

SEC. 3. That the President be authorized, in his discretion, to assign one or more of the public vessels to transport to and from France, free of cost, under regulations to be prescribed by the commissioner-general, such articles as may be offered for exhibition by the citizens of the United States.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. That in order to defray the necessary expenses above authorized, and for the proper installation of the exhibition, and the expenditures of the commissioner-general made under the direction of the Secretary of State, and with his approval, and not otherwise, there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purposes herein specified, which sum shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of State; and out of such amount the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized to collect and prepare as far as practicable, and with as little delay as possible, suitable specimens of the agricultural productions of the several States and Territories of the Union for exhibition at the Paris exposition.

Agricultural productions.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 5. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to transmit to Congress a detailed statement of the expenditures which may have been incurred under the provisions of this resolution, together with all reports called for under section two of this resolution, which reports shall be prepared and arranged with a view to concise statement and convenient reference.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

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[No. 2.] Joint resolution relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River.

Reservoirs on Saint Croix River, etc., examination for.

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, requested to make such preliminary examination of the headwaters of the Saint Croix, Chippewa, and Wisconsin Rivers, in the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, as is consistent with his service, to determine the extent and practicability of reservoirs upon the same, and report to this Congress the result of such examination, together with a compilation of all information and reports in his office bearing upon the subject of reservoirs, by February fifteenth proximo, or as early thereafter as practicable. And that he also report the estimated amount and character of the lands which would be submerged by such reservoirs.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

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[No. 3.] Joint resolution fixing the date on which the payment of the twenty-one clerks to committees of the House of Representatives, who are paid during the session only, shall begin.

House committee clerks; pay of.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pay of the twenty-one clerks to committees of the House of Representatives, who are paid during the session only, shall begin on the day of the organization of the House, the fifteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Approved, December 15, 1877.