

- 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. 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.
- Report to Congress.

Approved, December 15, 1877.

Dec. 15, 1877.

[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.