

emblems to be placed thereon, shall be subject to the approval and adoption of the joint select committee directed to be appointed by the joint resolution to which this is an amendment: *And provided further*, That no part of the said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall be used in defraying the expenses of said centennial celebration."

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

[No. 27.] Joint resolution authorizing the printing of two thousand five hundred extra copies of the report of the health officer of the District of Columbia.

Mar. 3, 1883.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Public Printer be, and is hereby, authorized to print two thousand five hundred extra copies of the report of the health officer of the District of Columbia; one hundred for the use of the Senate, three hundred for the use of the House of Representatives, and two thousand one hundred for the use of the said health officer of the District of Columbia.

Printing extra copies of report of health officer of District of Columbia.

Distribution.

Approved, March 3, 1883.

[No. 28.] Joint resolution providing for a new mixed Commission in accordance with the treaty of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with the United States of Venezuela.

Mar. 3, 1883.

Whereas, since the dissolution of the mixed Commission appointed under the treaty of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with the United States of Venezuela, serious charges, impeaching the validity and integrity of its proceedings, have been made by the Government of the United States of Venezuela, and also charges of a like character by divers citizens of the United States of America, who presented claims for adjudication before that tribunal; and

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Whereas, the evidence to be found in the record of the proceedings of said Commission, and in the testimony taken before committees of the House of Representatives in the matter, tends to show that such charges are not without foundation; and

Whereas, it is desirable that the matter be finally disposed of in a manner that shall satisfy any just complaints against the validity and integrity of the first Commission, and provide a tribunal under said treaty constructed and conducted so as not to give cause for just suspicion; and

Whereas, all evidence before said late Commission was presented in writing and is now in the archives of the State Department; and

Whereas, the President of the United States has, in a recent communication to Congress, solicited its advisory action in this matter: Therefore

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he hereby is, requested to open diplomatic correspondence with the Government of the United States of Venezuela, with a view to the revival of the general stipulations of the treaty of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, with said government, and the appointment thereunder of a new Commission, to sit in the city of Washington, which Commission shall be authorized to consider all the evidence presented before the former Commission in respect to claims brought before it, together with such other and further evidence as the claimants, may offer; and from the awards that may be made to claimants, any moneys heretofore paid by the Department of State, upon certificates issued to them, respectively, upon awards made by the former Commission, shall be deducted, and such certificates deemed canceled; and the moneys

President of the United States requested to open diplomatic correspondence with Government of Venezuela for appointment of a commission, etc.

Former awards to be deducted, etc.