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RESOLUTIONS.

[1.] Joint resolution extending the time fixed for the Joint Commission appointed to consider the number and salaries of officers and employees of the two Houses, to submit their report. December 12, 1883.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Joint Commission, appointed under the act of Congress approved March third eighteen hundred and eighty-three to consider the question of the salaries and compensation of the officers and employees of the Senate and House of Representatives respectively and also the number of such employees necessary for the official transaction of the business of the two Houses, have until Thursday January tenth in which to prepare and submit their report to the two Houses.

Joint Commission on salaries of officers, etc., of Senate and House, time for making report extended.

Approved, December twelfth, 1883.

[2.] Joint resolution authorizing the payment of the salaries of the employés of the two houses of Congress on the twenty-second instant. December 21, 1883.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives be and they are hereby authorized and directed to pay the employés of the two houses of Congress their salaries for the current month on the twenty-second instant.

Time fixed for payment of certain employés of Senate and House.

Approved, December twenty first, 1883.

[3.] Joint resolution relating to the surrender by George Washington of his commission as Commander-in-Chief of the patriot forces of America December 26, 1883.

Whereas, on the twenty-third day of December, anno Domini seventeen hundred and eighty-three, at the city of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, George Washington surrendered his commission as the Commander-in-Chief of the patriot forces of America; and

Whereas, that act of patriotic devotion to the principles of the Revolution, the success of which established the independence of the colonies and secured the liberties of the people of the United States, is deserving of special recognition upon the centennial return of that memorable event: Therefore,

Centennial celebration of Washington's surrender of his commission as Commander-in Chief, etc.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, requested to issue a proclamation recommending the people, either by appropriate exercises in connection with the religious services of the twenty-third instant, or by such public observances as they may deem proper on Monday the twenty-fourth instant, to commemorate this signal event in the history of American liberty.

Proclamation, etc.