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Jan. 3, 1887.

[No. 4.] Joint resolution for the relief of William B. Isaacs and Company.

William B. Isaacs and Company.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the petitions and claim of William B. Isaacs and Company for certain assets claimed to belong to them, as successors in interest of certain banks of Virginia described therein, as having been taken by the Government of the United States in the month of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, with the accompanying papers now on file in the House of Representatives, being Miscellaneous Document Number Five, second session Forty-fifth Congress,

Claim referred to Court of Claims.

be referred to the Court of Claims for judicial ascertainment of the facts; that wherever papers or affidavits are made or executed by persons deceased, not interested in the cause, they shall be considered as evidence by the court and given such weight as they may deserve, but wherever the affidavits are of living persons the evidence shall be taken in the usual way, subject to cross-examination on behalf of the United States; that the court shall fully adjudicate upon the rights of the parties and the ownership of the property described in the petitions, and, as matter of law, to whom it should be paid, and report said findings of fact and law to Congress for consideration. The said petitioners shall not be barred of relief in the said court by reason of any act of limitations.

Approved, January 3, 1887.

Jan. 19, 1887.

[No. 5.] Joint resolution appointing James B. Angell a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

James B. Angell. Appointed regent Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution of the class "other than members of Congress," shall be filled by the appointment of James B. Angell, of the State of Michigan, in place of John Maclean, deceased.

Approved, January 19, 1887.

Feb. 23, 1887.

[No. 6.] Joint resolution providing for the payment of per diem laborers in Government employ on "Memorial" or "Decoration Day" and the Fourth day of July of each year as on other days.

Per diem employees.

Allowed pay for Decoration Day and Fourth of July.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all per diem employees of the Government, on duty at Washington or elsewhere in the United States, shall be allowed the day of each year, which is celebrated as "Memorial" or "Decoration Day" and the fourth of July of each year, as holiday, and shall receive the same pay as on other days.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Feb. 23, 1887.

[No. 7.] Joint resolution to provide for the settlement of accounts with the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company.

Preamble. Vol. 18, p. 335.

Whereas, by act of Congress approved February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An act to provide for settlement with certain railway companies", the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General were authorized to make such abatements in the accounts of the companies named in said act as they might find just; and

Whereas the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General having determined and agreed upon a basis for such abatements and settlements, it was found that the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company had so far paid its accounts that the abatements determined upon would not only extinguish the balance claimed against said Company, but would also require the return of a portion of the money already paid by it; and