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RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 3.] Joint resolution for the removal of all political disabilities imposed by the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States upon Abram C. Myers.

February 8, 1888.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That all the political disabilities imposed by the third section of the fourteenth article of the Constitution of the United States upon Abram C. Myers, be, and the same are hereby, removed.

Abram C. Myers. Political disabilities removed.

Approved, February 8, 1888.

[No. 11.] Joint resolution in favor of J. Q. Barton.

April 9, 1888.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Paymaster J. Q. Barton, of the United States Navy, be and he is hereby, authorized to accept the decoration of the "Order of the Rising Sun" conferred upon him by the Emperor of Japan as evidence of his appreciation of services rendered by that officer to the Japanese Government.

J. Q. Barton. May accept decoration from Emperor of Japan.

Approved, April 9, 1888.

[No. 13.] Joint resolution in relation to the claim of John B. Read against the United States for the alleged use of projectiles for rifled ordnance, claimed as the invention of said Read, and by him alleged to have been used pursuant to a contract or arrangement made between him and the War Department in eighteen hundred and fifty-six, for which no compensation has been made.

April 11, 1888.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to organize a board of officers, as stipulated in said Read's written contract with the War Department in eighteen hundred and fifty-six, such board to consist of not less than three officers, selecting the same from the ordnance and artillery arms of the United States service, who will examine all facts relative to the claim and patent of said Read, and ascertain whether the United States have made any use of any invention or discovery of the said Read in projectiles; whether the same, if so used, were used under any contract, expressed or implied; whether he consented to the use of said projectiles by the Confederate Government against the United States, or received any compensation therefor, and whether this invention was used by the United States, to what extent, if any, his invention or discovery was used, and whether such use was valuable, and whether such contract itself was advantageous to the United States; and, if so, what sum, if any, under the circumstances of the use, the United States ought in justice to pay for the same. And that such board do make their report on the above case and claim, with all convenient speed, to the Secretary

John B. Read. Board of army officers to report on use of invention claimed by.