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May 11, 1888.

[No. 15.] Joint resolution appropriating thirty thousand dollars for the International Exhibition in Brussels, Belgium.

Preamble.

Whereas the Belgian Government has extended to the Government of the United States an invitation to participate in the International Exhibition which is to be held at Brussels, Belgium, commencing in the month of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight:

Brussels Exhibition. Invitation to take part in, accepted.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said invitation is accepted and that there be, and there hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to effect the purpose of this resolution, to be expended in the discretion of the Secretary of State for the purpose of such representation at said exhibition.

Appropriation.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 2. 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 any reports which may be made by the representatives of this country at said exhibition.

Approved, May 11, 1888.

May 14, 1888.

[No. 16.] Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to receive for instruction at the Military Academy at West Point, José Andrés Urtecho, of Nicaragua.

José Andrés Urtecho. May be admitted to West Point.

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 hereby is authorized to permit José Andrés Urtecho of Nicaragua, to receive instruction at the Military Academy at West Point: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused to the United States thereby: *And provided further*, That in the case of the said Urtecho the provisions of sections thirteen hundred and twenty and thirteen hundred and twenty-one of the Revised Statutes shall be suspended.

R. S., secs. 1320, 1321, p. 227, suspended.

Approved, May 14, 1888.

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[No. 17.] Joint resolution relating to the disposal of public lands in certain States.

Public lands. Sale of, in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Alabama, at private sale limited.

Post, p. 626.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the public lands of the United States in the States of Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama now subject to private sale as offered lands shall be disposed of under and according to the provisions of the homestead laws only until the pending legislation affecting such lands shall be disposed of or the present session of Congress shall adjourn: *Provided*, That any isolated or disconnected tracts or parcels of the public domain less than one hundred and sixty acres may be ordered sold at private or public sale for not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, when, in his judgment, it would be proper to do so.

Proviso.

Isolated tracts.

Approved, May 14, 1888.