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[No. 15.] Joint resolution requesting the Secretary of War to cause a further report to be made as to the practicability and approximate cost of tunneling the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan. April 19, 1890.

Whereas, there having been commissions of Army engineers appointed in the years eighteen hundred and seventy-three, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and eighteen hundred and eighty-nine to investigate and report upon the necessity and practicability of the proper means of crossing the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan, by bridge or otherwise; and Preamble,

Whereas, said commissioners have limited such investigations more particularly to the question of bridging said river: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to have the said Board of Engineers appointed by the Secretary of War in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine to more fully report upon (at the earliest time practicable) the advisability, practicability, and approximate cost of tunneling the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan, in such a manner as to accommodate the large trade and commerce crossing the river at that point, without permanent obstruction of any kind whatever to the navigation interests of said river, with a view to the passage of said commerce through said tunnel from the United States into and through the Dominion of Canada and return; such report to be based upon the examination already made by said Board, or, if necessary to a compliance with this resolution, to make such report after further inquiry into the subject. Detroit River. Board of Army Engineers to report on tunneling, etc.

Approved, April 19, 1890.

[No. 16.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to use rations for the relief of destitute persons in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and making an appropriation to relieve the sufferers by said overflow. April 25, 1890.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the purchase and distribution of subsistence stores to such destitute persons as may require assistance in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries, by the recent floods. And the Secretary of War is authorized to use the steamers and other boats and vessels belonging to or now employed by the Government upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries in the transportation and distribution of the supplies furnished by the United States or individuals, to and among said destitute and suffering people, and he may employ such other means of transportation as he may deem necessary to carry the purpose of this Joint Resolution into effect. Mississippi River, etc., floods. Appropriation to relieve destitution in flooded district. *Post*, p. 679.

Approved, April 25, 1890.

[No. 17.] Joint resolution authorizing the use and improvement of Castle Island, in Boston Harbor. May 1, 1890.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, through its park commissioners, to improve and beautify Castle Island, situated in said city, and belonging to the United States, in Castle Island, Massachusetts.