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[No. 21.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to alter, amend, or repeal certain health ordinances.

District of Columbia. Commissioners authorized to alter ordinances of late board of health. Vol. 21, p. 304.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, in making regulations under the authority conferred by Congress, to alter, amend, or repeal any of the ordinances of the late board of health of said District which were legalized by joint resolution approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty, whenever in their judgment the public interest requires it.

Approved, February 28, 1899.

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[No. 22.] Joint Resolution To prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Prevention of spread of smallpox, etc.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be immediately available, one-half out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated and one-half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, to enable the Commissioners of said District to provide for the proper care of smallpox patients and to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in said District, including a house to house inspection, and such compulsory vaccination as may be deemed necessary by the Health Officer of said District in accordance with existing law, and for other extraordinary emergencies.

Vaccination.

Approved, February 28, 1899.

February 28, 1899.

[No. 23.] Joint Resolution To amend section twenty-five of the Act passed June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to provide ways and means to meet war expenditures, and for other purposes."

Taxes to meet war expenditures. *Ante*, p. 462, amended. Bonds secured by mortgages, but one stamp required, etc.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act passed June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to provide ways and means to meet war expenditures, and for other purposes," be amended by adding to the end of Schedule A, section twenty-five, the following: "Whenever any bond or note shall be secured by a mortgage, or deed of trust but one stamp shall be required to be placed upon such papers: *Provided*, That the stamp tax placed thereon shall be the highest rate required for said instruments, or either of them."

Proviso. —maximum rate.

Approved, February 28, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

[No. 24.] Joint Resolution Authorizing foreign exhibitors at the commercial exposition to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, to bring to this country foreign laborers from their respective countries for the purpose of preparing for and making their exhibits under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Philadelphia exposition. Vol. 23, p. 332. Vol. 23, p. 115, etc. Alien mechanics, etc., under contract to labor may be brought into the United States to install exhibits.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of Congress approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, prohibiting the importation of foreigners under contract to perform labor, and the Acts of Congress prohibiting the coming of Chinese persons into the United States, and the Acts amendatory of these Acts, shall not be construed, nor shall anything therein operate to prevent, hinder, or in any wise restrict any foreign exhibitor, representative, or citizen of a foreign nation, or the holder who is a citizen of a foreign nation of any concession or privilege from the Philadelphia Exposition Association of Pennsylvania from bringing into the United States, under contract.