

[No. 7.] Joint Resolution Making the appropriation for renewal of the patrol system of the District of Columbia immediately available.

April 7, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the appropriation of five thousand dollars for "Renewal of portions of the patrol system," contained in "An Act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the Government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, is hereby made immediately available.

District of Columbia.  
New patrol boxes.  
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Immediately available.

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[No. 8.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to transport contributions for the relief of the suffering poor in India.

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Whereas a famine exists in India which is daily causing thousands of deaths among the poor, which famine can readily be relieved from the surplus products of other parts of the world; and

Preamble.

Whereas generous people of the United States in different States are freely giving wheat, flour, and corn for the relief of the famishing inhabitants in India: Therefore, be it

Famine in India.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ and place at the disposal of the collector of the port of New York any ship or vessel belonging to the Navy of the United States best adapted for such service for the purpose of transporting to the famishing poor of India such contributions as may be made for their relief, or to charter and employ under the authority of the United States a suitable American steamship or vessel, with a cargo capacity of two thousand to four thousand tons, for the same purpose. Any sum of money which may be necessary to carry out the object of this resolution is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Secretary of Navy to furnish ship to convey relief.

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[No. 9.] 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 by the Red River of the North, and making an appropriation to relieve the sufferers by said overflow.

April 7, 1897.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two hundred 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 and by the Red River of the North, 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, floods.  
Appropriation for relief of sufferers.  
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