

R. S., sec. 355, p. 60.
Validity of title, etc.

fort or fortification may be constructed upon the written consent of the owner of the land upon which such work is to be placed; and the requirements of section three hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes shall not be applicable in such cases.

Approved, April 11, 1898.

April 11, 1898. [No. 22.] Joint Resolution Relative to the appropriation for the Rouge River, Michigan.

Rouge River, Michigan.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the Rouge River, Michigan, to be dredged between the Wabash Bridge to Maples Road, with the view of obtaining a thirteen-foot channel (in accordance with the letter of G. J. Lydecker, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, dated November twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven), at an expense not to exceed five thousand dollars, to be paid out of the appropriation already available for the improvement of that stream.

Appropriation for dredging.

Approved, April 11, 1898.

April 11, 1898. [No. 23.] Joint Resolution Making an appropriation for the improvement of the Anacostia River and the reclamation of its flats.

Anacostia River, District of Columbia.

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 is hereby, directed to prepare and submit to Congress forthwith a project for the improvement of the Anacostia River and the reclamation of its flats from the line of the District of Columbia to the mouth of said river, with an estimate of the cost of the same, and a report on the area and ownership of the land to be reclaimed, and if any portion of said land is vested in private persons an estimate of the cost of acquiring the same; and the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the cost of surveys and other expenses in the premises.

Appropriation for project of improvement, etc.

Approved, April 11, 1898.

April 20, 1898. [No. 24.] Joint Resolution For the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the Government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the President of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect.

Preamble.

Whereas the abhorrent conditions which have existed for more than three years in the Island of Cuba, so near our own borders, have shocked the moral sense of the people of the United States, have been a disgrace to Christian civilization, culminating, as they have, in the destruction of a United States battle ship, with two hundred and sixty-six of its officers and crew, while on a friendly visit in the harbor of Havana, and can not longer be endured, as has been set forth by the President of the United States in his message to Congress of April eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, upon which the action of Congress was invited: Therefore,

Independence of Cuba.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, First. That the people of the Island of Cuba are, and of right ought to be, free and independent.

Demand upon Spain to relinquish its authority, etc.

Second. That it is the duty of the United States to demand, and the Government of the United States does hereby demand, that the Gov-

ernment of Spain at once relinquish its authority and government in the Island of Cuba and withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters.

Third. That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, directed and empowered to use the entire land and naval forces of the United States, and to call into the actual service of the United States the militia of the several States, to such extent as may be necessary to carry these resolutions into effect.

President authorized to use land and naval forces.

Fourth. That the United States hereby disclaims any disposition or intention to exercise sovereignty, jurisdiction, or control over said Island except for the pacification thereof, and asserts its determination, when that is accomplished, to leave the government and control of the Island to its people.

Disclaimer by the United States of intention to exercise sovereignty, etc.

Approved, April 20, 1898.

[No. 25.] Joint Resolution To prohibit the export of coal or other material used in war from any seaport of the United States.

April 22, 1898.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized, in his discretion, and with such limitations and exceptions as shall seem to him expedient, to prohibit the export of coal or other material used in war from any seaport of the United States until otherwise ordered by the President or by Congress.

President authorized to prohibit exportation of war material.

Approved, April 22, 1898.

[No. 26.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the National Reunion Monument Association to erect a monument in the city of Washington to the Union soldiers, sailors, and marines of the War of the Rebellion.

April 25, 1898.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Reunion Monument Association, an organization chartered and incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia for the purpose of erecting a monument in the city of Washington to the Union soldiers, sailors, and marines of the War of the Rebellion be, and hereby is, authorized to erect said monument on such Government reservation in said city as may be designated by the Secretary of War; the design of said memorial to receive his approval.

District of Columbia. Permission to erect monument to Union soldiers, sailors, etc.

Approved, April 25, 1898.

[No. 27.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the printing of extra copies of the military publications of the War Department.

April 25, 1898.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized to print, in excess of the one thousand copies authorized by the act of January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, such extra number of copies of the military publications of the War Department as may be necessary for the instruction of the National Guard of the various States.

War Department. Printing of extra copies of certain military publications. Vol. 28, p. 622.

Resolved, That there be printed for immediate distribution by the Secretary of War to the National Guard of the various States the following manuals, regulations, and drill books:

—distribution to National Guard.

Three thousand copies of Infantry Drill Regulations.

One thousand copies of Cavalry Drill Regulations.

Manuals, regulations, and drill books.

One thousand five hundred copies of Light Artillery Drill Regulations.