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[No. 33.] Joint Resolution Tendering the thanks of Congress to Commodore George Dewey, United States Navy, and to the officers and men of the squadron under his command.

Commodore George Dewey, U. S. N.
—thanks of Congress, etc., to.
R. S., sec. 1508, p. 260.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in pursuance of the recommendation of the President, made in accordance with the provisions of section fifteen hundred and eight of the Revised Statutes, the thanks of Congress and of the American people are hereby tendered to Commodore George Dewey, United States Navy, Commander-in-Chief of the United States naval force on the Asiatic Station, for highly distinguished conduct in conflict with the enemy, as displayed by him in the destruction of the Spanish fleet and batteries in the harbor of Manila, Philippine Islands, May first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

—to officers and men of his command.

SEC. 2. That the thanks of Congress and the American people are hereby extended through Commodore Dewey to the officers and men under his command for the gallantry and skill exhibited by them on that occasion.

—notification.

SEC. 3. *Be it further resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause this resolution to be communicated to Commodore Dewey, and, through him, to the officers and men under his command.

Approved, May 10, 1898.

May 12, 1898.

[No. 34.] Joint Resolution Providing for the adjustment of certain claims of the United States against the State of Tennessee, and certain claims of the State of Tennessee against the United States.

Adjustment of reciprocal claims between the United States and Tennessee.
Preamble.

Whereas it is claimed that the State of Tennessee is indebted to the United States for railroad equipments and materials purchased for the Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad Company and the Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad Company by the receivers of said railroad companies; and also for certain coupon bonds issued by said State and originally purchased and held by the United States in trust for certain Indian tribes; and

Whereas the State of Tennessee claims against the United States certain abatements and reductions of said indebtedness by reason of excessive valuations of said equipments and materials; and also certain set-offs and counterclaims, growing out of the use by the United States Government for military and other purposes, and the deterioration of the property by the use of certain of the Tennessee railroads upon which the said State had an express and prior statutory lien; and for the removal and appropriation of the property, rails, bridges, and so forth, of the following roads, namely: The Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville Railroad Company, the McMinnville and Manchester Railroad Company, the Winchester and Alabama Railroad Company, the Knoxville and Kentucky Railroad Company, and the Edgefield and Kentucky Railroad Company; and

Whereas said matters are of long standing and it is desirable that the same should be adjusted and settled: Therefore,

Board to effect compromise.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of War be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to proceed, by conference with such agents, counsel, or commissioners as may be appointed by said State for that purpose, to compromise, adjust, and settle with the State of Tennessee, through such duly appointed agents, all said matters upon such terms as to amount, allowance of interest, and so forth, as shall do equal and impartial justice to both parties; and if the result of such settlement shall disclose a balance due to the United States from the State of Tennessee, they shall report such agreement, compromise, or settlement to the governor of Tennessee, to be submitted by him to the

If balance should be found due the United States.