

newspapers for any Department shall not apply to the purchase of newspapers for military use by the military information division of the Adjutant-General's Office from the appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal years herein named.

Approved, June 29, 1898.

July 1, 1898.

[No. 54.] Joint Resolution For improvement of San Joaquin River and Stockton and Mormon channels, California.

Improvement of San Joaquin River and Stockton and Mormon channels, California.

*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 to expend for improvements and surveys of the waterways hereinafter named and their tributaries any sums of money now to the credit of and heretofore appropriated for the improvement of the San Joaquin River and Stockton and Mormon channels, California, as and where, in his discretion, will best improve the commercial capacity of said waterways.

Approved, July 1, 1898.

July 7, 1898.

[No. 55.] Joint Resolution To provide for annexing the Hawaiian Islands to the United States.

Annexation of the Hawaiian Islands. Preamble.

Whereas the Government of the Republic of Hawaii having, in due form, signified its consent, in the manner provided by its constitution, to cede absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies, and also to cede and transfer to the United States the absolute fee and ownership of all public, Government, or Crown lands, public buildings or edifices, ports, harbors, military equipment, and all other public property of every kind and description belonging to the Government of the Hawaiian Islands, together with every right and appurtenance thereunto appertaining: Therefore,

Cession of Hawaiian sovereignty, etc., accepted.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That said cession is accepted, ratified, and confirmed, and that the said Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies be, and they are hereby, annexed as a part of the territory of the United States and are subject to the sovereign dominion thereof, and that all and singular the property and rights hereinbefore mentioned are vested in the United States of America.

Congress to enact special public land laws.

The existing laws of the United States relative to public lands shall not apply to such lands in the Hawaiian Islands; but the Congress of the United States shall enact special laws for their management and disposition: *Provided,* That all revenue from or proceeds of the same, except as regards such part thereof as may be used or occupied for the civil, military, or naval purposes of the United States, or may be assigned for the use of the local government, shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands for educational and other public purposes.

*Proviso.*—revenues for educational purposes, etc.

Existing powers of officers continued.

Until Congress shall provide for the government of such islands all the civil, judicial, and military powers exercised by the officers of the existing government in said islands shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have power to remove said officers and fill the vacancies so occasioned.

Removal of officers.

Existing treaties replaced by United States treaties.

The existing treaties of the Hawaiian Islands with foreign nations shall forthwith cease and determine, being replaced by such treaties as may exist, or as may be hereafter concluded, between the United States and such foreign nations. The municipal legislation of the Hawaiian Islands, not enacted for the fulfillment of the treaties so extinguished,

Municipal legislation continued.