

hereby empowered to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the safety and security of property and of the persons passing the said causeway and bridge.

APPROVED, March 3, 1839.

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1. *Resolution authorizing an examination and payment of the claims of the workmen upon the public buildings.* Jan. 18, 1839.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioners appointed by the President of the United States to superintend the prosecution of the work in the construction of the new Treasury building, be, and they are hereby, authorized to examine the claims of the workmen to indemnity for the loss of their time during the suspension of the work upon said building, by order of the President of the United States, pending the question before Congress upon the bill reported by the Committee on Public Buildings, providing "for the removal of the walls of the Treasury building, and for the erection of a fire-proof building for the Post Office Department;" and that the said commissioners allow to such of said workmen, respectively, as were suspended from labor, during the pendency of said bill, with the encouragement and under an authorized assurance that, upon the decision thereof, their labor would again be required by the Government, and who, intermediately, had no opportunity of obtaining employment in the city of Washington, such reasonable indemnity for loss of wages for labor, during the suspension of the work, as, under the circumstances of their respective cases, justice and equity may require, not exceeding, however, in any case, the average rate of the earnings of such workmen in the employment of the Government for a like preceding period of time.

The commissioners appointed to superintend the construction of the new Treasury building, shall examine the claims of the workmen to indemnity, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be, and he hereby is, authorized to pay to the workmen respectively such sums of money as the commissioners aforesaid shall allow and certify pursuant to the foregoing resolution, out of any money in his hands appropriated by law to the construction of the new Treasury building.

Commissioner of public buildings to pay such sums, &c.

APPROVED, January 18, 1839.

No. 2. *A Resolution for the purchase of the island at the confluence of the St. Peters and Mississippi rivers.* Feb. 13, 1839.

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 contract with J. B. and J. Ferriault, for the purchase of the island at the confluence of the St. Peters and Mississippi rivers, and to report his proceedings to Congress, subject to their approbation or rejection.

Sec. War to contract for the purchase, &c.

APPROVED, February 13, 1839.

No. 3. *A Resolution directing the manner in which certain laws of the District of Columbia shall be executed.* Feb. 16, 1839.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the acts of the State of Maryland for securing titles to vacant land, which were continued in force by the act of Congress of the twenty-seventh of February, eighteen hundred and one, in that part of the District of Columbia which was ceded to the United States by that State, and which have heretofore been inoperative for the want of appropriate officers or authority in the

The acts of Maryland for securing land titles to vacant land, shall be executed, &c. by the Secretary of the Treasury, &c.