SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That all the duties imposed upon, or required to be performed by the President, in the act of Congress approved third March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An act providing for the erection of a fire-proof building for the use of the General Post Office Department," shall, hereafter, be performed by the Postmaster-General.

Duties imposed on the President by act of March 3, 1839, ch. 87, to be performed by P. M. Gen.

APPROVED, May 16, 1840.

No. 6. *A Resolution authorizing an examination and payment of the claims of the stone-cutters and other workmen upon the public buildings.*

July 20, 1840.

Be it resolved, &c., 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, and the Patent Office building, be, and they are hereby authorized to examine the claims of the stone-cutters and other workmen to indemnity for the loss of their time during the suspension of the work upon said buildings, by order of the superintendent of public buildings, in consequence of the want of the necessary means to carry on the said work; and that the said commissioners allow to such of said workmen, respectively, as were suspended from labor, under the assurance, that, upon an appropriation being made for the continuation of said work, 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 said workmen in the employment of the Government for a like preceding period of time.

Examination of claims of certain workmen, &c.

APPROVED, July 20, 1840.

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