

March 24, 1848.

[No. 4.]—*Joint Resolution relative to the Evidence which shall be considered satisfactory in Applications for Bounty Land.*

In applications for bounty land warrants, the honorable discharge of the applicant predicated on a surgeon's certificate to be deemed sufficient evidence.

1847, ch. 8.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases of application for bounty land warrants under the act approved February eleventh, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, the honorable discharge of the applicant, showing the same was predicated on a surgeon's certificate of disability, shall be considered as satisfactory evidence to the Commissioner of Pensions that the disability was incurred in the course of service.

APPROVED, March 24, 1848.

April 13, 1848.

[No. 5.]—*A Resolution tendering the Congratulations of the American to the French People.*

The congratulations of Congress tendered to the people of France, &c.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, in the name and behalf of the American people, the congratulations of Congress are hereby tendered to the people of France, upon the success of their recent efforts to consolidate the principles of liberty in a republican form of government.

The President requested to transmit this resolution to the American minister at Paris for presentation to the French government.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit this resolution to the American minister at Paris, with instructions to present it to the French government.

APPROVED, April 13, 1848.

May 9, 1848.

[No. 6.]—*A Resolution respecting Contracts for Hemp for the Use of the American Navy.*

Contracts for American water-rotted hemp may be made for any term not exceeding five years, &c.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby authorized, if in his opinion it will be advantageous to the public interest, to make contracts, for any term not exceeding five years, for the purchase of American water-rotted hemp for the use of the United States navy, provided the same can be had of equal quality with the best foreign hemp, and at a price not exceeding the average price of such hemp for the last five years; the inspection and delivery to be at the place of purchase.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

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[No. 7.]—*Joint Resolution of Thanks to Major-General Taylor.*

Thanks of Congress tendered to Major-General Taylor and the officers and soldiers under his command, for their valor, skill, and good conduct displayed in the battle of Buena Vista.

A gold medal to be struck and presented to General Taylor.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the thanks of Congress are due, and they are hereby tendered, to Major-General Zachary Taylor, and through him to the officers and soldiers of the regular army and of the volunteers under his command, for their valor, skill, and good conduct conspicuously displayed on the twenty-second and twenty-third days of February last, in the battle of Buena Vista, in defeating a Mexican army of more than four times their number, consisting of chosen troops, under their favorite commander, General Santa Anna.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be struck a gold medal, with devices emblematical of this splendid achievement, and presented to Major-General Zachary Taylor