

Resolution to be communicated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to communicate the foregoing resolution to Commodore Ringgold, and through him to the officers and men under his command.

APPROVED, March 7, 1864.

March 17, 1864.

[No. 20.] *Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to anticipate the Payment of Interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes.*

Secretary of Treasury may anticipate the interest on the public debt.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to anticipate the payment of interest on the public debt, by a period not exceeding one year, from time to time, either with or without a rebate of interest upon the coupons, as to him may seem expedient; and he is hereby authorized to dispose of any gold in the treasury of the United States not necessary for the payment of interest of the public debt: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall in anywise affect any legal proceedings now pending in regard to the said steamer "Mohawk."

Proviso. 1862, ch. 33. Vol. xii. p. 345.

APPROVED, March 17, 1864.

March 25, 1864.

[No. 21.] *A Joint Resolution authorizing the Issue of a Register to the Steamer "Mohawk."*

Register to issue to steamer Mohawk.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to issue an American register to the Canadian-built steamer "Mohawk," now owned by Warren Chapman, George Parmelee, and Matthias Teetzel, of Saint Joseph, in the State of Michigan: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall in anywise affect any legal proceedings now pending in regard to the said steamer "Mohawk."

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 25, 1864.

April 19, 1864.

[No. 22.] *Joint Resolution tendering the Thanks of Congress to Admiral Porter.*

Thanks of congress to Admiral Porter.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thanks of congress be, and they are hereby, tendered to Admiral David D. Porter, commanding the Mississippi squadron, for the eminent skill, endurance, and gallantry exhibited by him and his squadron, in coöperation with the army, in opening the Mississippi River.

APPROVED, April 19, 1864.

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[No. 23.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to sell at Public Auction Lot Number Thirteen, in the Village of Sackett's Harbor, New York.*

Secretary of Navy may sell a lot of land at auction in Sackett's Harbor, New York.

Be it 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 and empowered, at his discretion, to sell at public auction, after proper advertisement, and to convey, by quitclaim or otherwise, lot number thirteen, in the village of Sackett's Harbor, New York, the same not being wanted for use by the United States.

APPROVED, April 19, 1864.

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[No. 24.] *Joint Resolution relative to the Accounts of the Petty Officers, Seamen, and others of the Crew of the United States Gunboat "Cincinnati."*

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized, in settling the

accounts of the petty officers, seamen, and others of the crew of the United States gunboat "Cincinnati," to allow each of them all back pay and a sum, not exceeding fifty dollars, for loss of clothing and other property, by the sinking of the said vessel in the Mississippi River, near Vicksburgh, on the twenty-seventh day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

APPROVED, April 19, 1864. _____

[No. 25.] *Joint Resolution directing the Committee on the Conduct of the War to examine into the recent Attack on Fort Pillow.*

April 21, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee on the conduct of the war be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the truth of the rumored slaughter of the Union troops, after their surrender, at the recent attack of the rebel forces upon Fort Pillow, Tennessee; as also, whether Fort Pillow could have been sufficiently reinforced, or evacuated, and, if so, why it was not done; and that they report the facts to congress as soon as possible.

Committee on the conduct of the war to examine into the attack upon Fort Pillow, &c.

APPROVED, April 21, 1864. _____

[No. 26.] *A Resolution relating to the Publication of the Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States for December Term, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.*

April 22, 1864.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act of congress, approved August twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty-two, as provides that the reporter of the decisions of the supreme court shall not be paid the compensation provided by the said act unless he print and publish the decisions within six months after such decisions shall be made, shall not be held to apply to the decisions of December term, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, the present reporter of the said court not having been appointed until near the close of the term: *Provided, however,* That such decisions be published within one year from the passage of this resolution.

Time of publication of reports of supreme court for December term, 1863.
1842, ch. 264.
Vol. v. p. 545.

APPROVED, April 22, 1864. _____

[No. 27.] *Joint Resolution to increase temporarily the Duties on Imports.*

April 29, 1864.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That until the end of sixty days from the passage of this resolution, fifty per cent. of the rates of duties and imposts now imposed by law on all goods, wares, merchandise, and articles imported, shall be added to the present duties and imposts now charged on the importation of such articles: *Provided,* That printing paper unsized, used for books and newspapers exclusively, shall be exempt from the operation of this resolution.

1865, ch. 171, § 20.
Ante, p. 216.
Duties on imports temporarily increased.
Post, No. 49, p. 411.
Post, pp. 429, 430.

APPROVED, April 29, 1864. _____

[No. 28.] *Joint Resolution for the Payment of Volunteers called out for not less than One Hundred Days.*

April 29, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for arming, equipping, clothing, subsisting, transporting, and paying volunteers that may be received by the President for any term not less than one hundred days.

Appropriation for volunteers for not less than 100 days.

APPROVED, May 6, 1864.