

[No. 75.] *Joint Resolution in Reference to the Dismal Swamp Canal Company.*

July 25, 1866.

WHEREAS the United States are interested in the Dismal Swamp Canal, connecting the inland waters of the Chesapeake with the sounds of North Carolina, by holding eight hundred shares of the stock of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company; and whereas the canal should be kept open as a navigable highway without further outlay on the part of the United States: Therefore,

Preamble.

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, and hereby is, authorized to sell said stock at auction, or otherwise, in such manner as will best protect the interest of the United States in said canal, and will insure that the same will be kept open as such navigable highway, without further expense to the government: *Provided,* That the instruments and papers effecting such sale, in the manner aforesaid, shall be approved by the Attorney-General before the delivery thereof.

The stock of the United States in the Dismal Swamp Canal to be sold, and how.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

[No. 76.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Buildings to employ three additional Watchmen in the Smithsonian Grounds.*

July 25, 1866.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of public buildings and grounds be, and the same is hereby, authorized to employ three additional watchmen for the Smithsonian grounds.

Additional watchmen for Smithsonian grounds.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

[No. 77.] *A Resolution to authorize the Purchase for the Library of Congress of the Law Library of James L. Petigru, of South Carolina.*

July 25, 1866.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee on the library be, and they are hereby, authorized to purchase the law library belonging to the estate of the late James Louis Petigru, for the use of the library of Congress; and the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the purpose of this resolution, to be paid only to the use of the widow of the said Petigru.

Law library of James Louis Petigru to be bought for the library of Congress.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

[No. 79.] *A Resolution manifesting the Sense of Congress towards the Officers and Seamen of the Vessels, and others, engaged in the Rescue of the Officers and Soldiers of the Army, the Passengers, and the Officers and Crew of the Steamship San Francisco, from perishing with the Wreck of that Vessel.*

July 26, 1866.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be requested to procure three valuable gold medals, with suitable devices, one to be presented to Captain Creighton, of the ship Three Bells, of Glasgow; one to Captain Low, of the bark Kilby, of Boston; and one to Captain Stouffer, of the ship Antarctic, as testimonials of national gratitude for their gallant conduct in rescuing about five hundred Americans from the wreck of the steamship San Francisco; and that the cost of the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Gold medals to be presented, as testimonials of national gratitude for the rescue of the passengers, officers, and men of the wrecked steamship San Francisco.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars each is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the above-named captains respectively, as a reward of their humanity and heroism in the rescue of the sur-

Reward of \$7500 to each master of the vessels participating in the rescue.

vivors of said wreck, and in case either of the said captains may have died, then the amount hereby appropriated shall be paid to the widow of said deceased captain respectively; if no widow surviving then to the respective child or children of such deceased captain; and in the event of their being no child or children of such deceased captain surviving, then the amount hereby appropriated shall be paid first to the father, or, if the father be not living, then to the mother of such deceased captain respectively.

Reward of \$500 to each mate, and \$100 to each man and boy of said vessels.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That there shall be paid to each mate of the three above-named vessels the sum of five hundred dollars, and to each man and boy the sum of one hundred dollars, and in case of the death of the respective mate or mates, or men and boys, that the said respective sums shall be paid in the same way and under the same conditions as the payment is to be made in case of the death of the respective captains.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

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[No. 80.] *A Resolution to authorize the Use of certain Plates of the United States Exploring Expedition by the Navy Department.*

The use of certain engraved plates of the United States Exploring Expedition to be granted to the Navy Department.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee on the library be authorized and instructed to grant to the navy department the use of such of the engraved plates of the United States Exploring Expedition under Captain Wilkes, now in charge of said committee, as may be desired for the purpose of printing a supply of charts for the use of said department.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

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[No. 81.] *A Resolution for the Benefit of the Illinois Soldiers' College and Military Academy.*

Cots and bedding for five hundred persons granted to the Illinois Soldiers' College, &c. for use of free students therein, disabled by the war.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized to transfer to the Illinois Soldiers' College and Military Academy, from the surplus on hand and not needed for the public service, cots and bedding necessary to accommodate five hundred persons for the use of free students in said institution disabled by the war.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

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[No. 82.] *A Resolution authorizing the Payment of certain Claims against the late Territory of Nevada.*

Payment of certain claims against the late Territory of Nevada

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to settle and pay outstanding claims duly examined and allowed, and properly chargeable to the contingent expenses of the executive department of the Territory of Nevada, so much of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for "compensation and mileage of members of the Legislative Assembly, &c., of the Territory of Nevada," as may be found necessary for that purpose, be, and the same is hereby, transferred to the credit of the fund for paying the contingent expenses of the executive department of that Territory, and that the proper accounting officers of the treasury are hereby authorized and directed, out of the said balance, hereby directed to be transferred, to pay the claims so adjusted and allowed.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.