

[No. 83.] *A Resolution to provide for Codifying the Laws relating to the Customs.* July 26, 1866.

See Post, p. 567.

*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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be prepared and submitted to Congress at its next session, under the direction of one member of the Senate and one member of the House of Representatives, each to be appointed by the presiding officer of the body to which he belongs, a general customs revenue law, designed to supersede all other laws on that subject, and embracing all necessary provisions for regulating the foreign and coasting trades, the assessment and collection of duties on goods, wares, and merchandise imported from foreign countries, and other subject-matters immediately pertaining thereto; the expenses necessarily incurred in the preparation thereof to be paid from the appropriation for the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs: *Provided,* That the said expenses shall not exce[e]d ten thousand dollars.

A general customs revenue law to be prepared and submitted to Congress.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

[No. 84.] *A Resolution providing for the Examination of the Accounts of the State of Massachusetts for Moneys expended during the War for Coast Defence.* 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, and he is hereby, authorized and requested to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two commissioners who shall examine into the claim of the State of Massachusetts for moneys expended for coast defence during the war, and shall make a full and complete report thereon to Congress at its next session.

Claim of Massachusetts for expenses for coast defence to be examined.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

[No. 85.] *A Resolution granting the Right of Way through Military Reserves to the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its Branches.* July 26, 1866.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, subject to approval by the President, the right of way, one hundred feet in width, is hereby granted to the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the companies constructing the branch roads connecting therewith, for the construction and operation of their roads over and upon all military reserves through which the same may pass; and the President is hereby authorized to set apart to the Union Pacific Railway Company, eastern division, twenty acres of the Fort Riley military reservation, for depot and other purposes, in the bottom opposite "Riley City"; also fractional section "one" on the west side of said reservation, near Junction City, for the same purposes; and also to restore, from time to time, to the public domain, any portion of said military reserve over which the Union Pacific railroad, or any of its branches, may pass, and which shall not be required for military purposes: *Provided,* That the President shall not permit the location of any such railroad or the diminution of any such reserve in any manner so as to impair its usefulness for military purposes, so long as it shall be required therefor.

Right of way granted to the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its branches through the military reserves.

Grant for depot and other purposes.

Such portions of these reserves as are not needed for military purposes to be restored to public domain.

Usefulness for military purposes not to be interfered with.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

[No. 86.] *Joint Resolution amendatory of a Joint Resolution entitled "A Resolution respecting Bounties to Colored Soldiers, and the Pensions, Bounties, and Allowances to their Heirs," approved June 15, 1866.* July 26, 1866.

Ante, p. 357.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the words "at the time of his enlistment," at the end of section one of the "resolution respecting

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end of section one, stricken out.

Agent or attorney making claim for bounty must file with each claim his oath that, &c.

Fees of agents.

Penalty for charging more than legal fees.

If payments are made by check, &c. claimant how to establish his identity.

Soldiers not to sell or assign, &c. discharges, &c.

Such sales, &c. void.

bounties to colored soldiers, and the pensions, bounties, and allowances to their heirs," approved June fifteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, be, and the same are hereby, stricken out.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That whenever application shall be made by any claimant for bounty under the provisions of the joint resolution aforesaid, by or through any agent or attorney, such agent or attorney shall hereafter be required to file with each claim his oath or affirmation that he has no interest whatever in said bounty beyond the fees for collection of the same, which are hereby fixed and established as follows, viz: for the preparation and prosecution of claims for, and the collection and remittance of, all sums not exceeding fifty dollars, the sum of five dollars; for all sums exceeding fifty and less than one hundred dollars, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents; and for all sums exceeding one hundred dollars, the sum of ten dollars; and said fees shall include all expenses incident to the collection of said claims, except the expense of the necessary affidavits and notarial or other acknowledgments, which shall be defrayed by the claimant; and any agent or attorney who shall charge, directly or indirectly, in any case, a greater sum for his services in preparing and prosecuting said claims and collecting and remitting the amount due, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by fine not exceeding three thousand nor less than one thousand dollars, and shall be forever excluded from prosecuting military or naval claims against the government.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That in case the payments shall be made in the form of a check, order, or draft upon any paymaster, national bank, or government depository, it shall be necessary for the claimant to establish, by the affidavits of two credible witnesses, that he is the identical person named therein; but in no case shall such checks, orders, or drafts be made negotiable until after such identification.

SEC. 4. *And be it further resolved*, That it shall not be lawful for any soldier to transfer, assign, barter, or sell his discharge, for the purpose of transferring, assigning, bartering, or selling any interest in any bounty under the provisions of said resolution; and all such transfers, assignments, barters, or sales heretofore made are hereby declared null and void as to any rights intended so to be conveyed by any such soldier.

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[No. 87.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of certain Officers of the Army.*

Certain commissioned officers actually entering on duty, but not mustered in within &c. to have full pay from what date.

Heirs, &c. of such officers to receive arrears of pay and pensions.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in every case in which a commissioned officer actually entered on duty as such commissioned officer, but by reason of being killed in battle, capture by the enemy, or other cause beyond his control, and without fault or neglect of his own, was not mustered within a period of not less than thirty days, the pay department shall allow to such officer full pay and emoluments of his rank from the date on which such officer actually entered on such duty as aforesaid, deducting from the amount paid in accordance with this resolution all pay actually received by such officer for such period.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the heirs or legal representatives of any officer whose muster into service has been or shall be amended hereby, shall be entitled to receive the arrears of pay due such officer or the pension provided by law for the grade into which such officer is mustered under the provisions of the first section of this resolution.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.