

March 29, 1867. [No. 27.] *A Resolution in Relation to the Execution of Surveys of Rivers ordered by Congress.*

Chief of engineers may employ not exceeding five civil engineers to make the surveys, &c. of western and northwestern rivers.

Compensation.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the chief of engineers may, with the approval of the Secretary of War, employ such civil engineers, not exceeding five in number, for the purpose of executing the surveys and improvements of western and northwestern rivers, ordered by Congress, as may be necessary to the proper and diligent prosecution of the same, and the persons so employed may be allowed a reasonable compensation for their services, not to exceed the sum of three thousand dollars per annum.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 30, 1867. [No. 28.] *A Resolution for the Relief of the Destitute in the Southern and Southwestern States.*

Secretary of War to issue, through the freedmen's bureau, supplies of food to prevent starvation and extreme want to any class of destitute and helpless people in the southern and southwestern States.

Appropriation of unexpended balances.

Expenditure not to exceed appropriations.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be and hereby is empowered and directed to issue supplies of food sufficient to prevent starvation and extreme want to any and all classes of destitute or helpless persons of the people in those southern and southwestern States where a failure of the crops and other causes have occasioned wide-spread destitution; that the issues be made through the freedmen's bureau, under such regulations as the Secretary of War shall prescribe. And to that end the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed, through the commissioner of the freedmen's bureau, to apply so much as he may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid of the unexpended moneys heretofore appropriated to supply freedmen and refugees with provisions or rations: *Provided,* That the expenditure shall not extend beyond the present appropriations already made for the freedmen's bureau.

APPROVED, March 30, 1867.

[No. 29.] *A Resolution authorizing the Transfer of certain Funds, and providing for the Purchase of Seeds and their Distribution in the Southern States.*

March 30, 1867.

Transfer of certain funds to the department of agriculture, for the purchase and distribution of seeds in the southern States.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby transferred from the funds in charge of the commissioner of the bureau of freedmen, refugees, and abandoned lands, and placed to the credit of the department of agriculture; and that said sum shall be used, under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture, for the purchase of seeds of improved varieties of vegetables and cereals, and their distribution in the southern States.

APPROVED, March 30, 1867.

[No. 30.] *A Resolution directing the Secretary of War to furnish certain Arms and Equipments to the State of Tennessee.*

March 30, 1867.

Secretary of War to furnish certain arms and equipments to the State of Tennessee.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish arms and equipments to the State of Tennessee, sufficient for ten thousand militia, to be accounted for by the State of Tennessee to the government of the United States.

APPROVED, March 30, 1867.