

Commissioner
of fish and fish-
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appointment;

to serve with-
out additional
salary;
to investigate
and report as to
the food fishes of
the coast and
lakes of the
United States.

Executive de-
partments to aid
the investiga-
tion.

Commissioner
may take such
fish, or, &c.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among the civil officers or employees of the government, one person of proved scientific and practical acquaintance with the fishes of the coast, to be commissioner of fish and fisheries, to serve without additional salary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That it shall be the duty of said commissioner to prosecute investigations and inquiries on the subject, with the view of ascertaining whether any and what diminution in the number of the food fishes of the coast and the lakes of the United States has taken place; and, if so, to what causes the same is due; and also whether any and what protective, prohibitory, or precautionary measures should be adopted in the premises; and to report upon the same to Congress.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved,* That the heads of the executive departments be, and they are hereby, directed to cause to be rendered all necessary and practicable aid to the said commissioner in the prosecution of the investigations and inquiries aforesaid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further resolved,* That it shall be lawful for said commissioner to take, or cause to be taken, at all times, in the waters of the sea-coast of the United States, where the tide ebbs and flows, and also in the waters of the lakes, such fish or specimens thereof as may in his judgment, from time to time, be needful or proper for the conduct of his duties as aforesaid, any law, custom, or usage of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, February 9, 1871.

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[No. 23.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Sale of a Portion of the Fort Leavenworth military Reservation to the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical Association, of Leavenworth County, in the State of Kansas, for Fair Grounds.*

Portion of the
Fort Leaven-
worth military
reservation may
be sold to the
Kansas Agricul-
tural, &c. Asso-
ciation.

Boundaries.

Reservation.

Commission of
army officers to
appraise the true
value of the land.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical Association, a corporate body organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, is hereby authorized to purchase from the United States, for the sole purpose and use of such association as a fair ground, and for experimental agriculture and horticulture, that portion of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation bounded and described as follows, viz.: Commencing at the southeast corner of the premises herein described, at a point one hundred feet north and in continuation of the west line of Sixteenth Street, as laid down and recorded in the map of the city of Leavenworth, and one hundred feet north of the south line of said reservation; thence running westerly and parallel to said south boundary two thousand five hundred and eighty feet to the east line of Nineteenth Street; thence northerly and in continuation of the east side of said Nineteenth Street two thousand one hundred and seventy-five feet; thence easterly and parallel to the south line of said reservation two thousand five hundred and eighty feet; thence southerly and parallel to the west line of the premises herein described two thousand one hundred and seventy-five feet, to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and twenty-eight and eighty-two one-hundredths acres of land, more or less; reserving to the government or assigns the right to the coal, or royalty for coal, underlying the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to appoint a commission of competent army officers, of such number as he may deem best, which said commission shall, without unnecessary delay, examine and report the true value of the land hereinbefore described to the Secretary of War. On receipt of this report, the Secre-

tary of War will forward certified copies of the same to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Kansas Agricultural Association.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That whenever the association thus notified shall place to the credit of the United States with the treasurer of the United States, in lawful money, the amount of said appraisal, and notified the Secretary of the Interior of such deposit, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause to be issued to the said Kansas Agricultural and Mechanical Association a patent for the said land above described: *Provided*, That the association shall make the said deposit within one year from the date of the notice of appraisal from the Secretary of War.

Upon payment of appraised value, patent to issue.

¹¹ Payment to be made within one year from, &c.

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[No. 24.] *Joint Resolution relative to School Lands in the State of Oregon.*

Feb. 9, 1871.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress hereby assents to the application of the five hundred thousand acres of land granted to the State of Oregon by the act of Congress approved September four, eighteen hundred and forty-one, to the support of common schools, as provided in section two, article eight, of the constitution of said State: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall influence the construction or effect of the act admitting said State into the Union as to said application.

Assent of Congress to the application for schools by Oregon, in its constitution, of the lands granted to such State.

1841, ch. 16.
Vol. v. p. 453.
1859, ch. 33.
Vol. xi. p. 383.

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[No. 25.] *Joint Resolution authorizing an American Register to the British Ship "Robert L. Lane."*

Feb. 9, 1871.

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue an American register to the British ship "Robert L. Lane," owned by William C. N. Swift, of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

American register to the British ship "Robert L. Lane."

APPROVED, February 9, 1871.

[No. 27.] *Joint Resolution to exempt certain Boats from the Payment of marine-hospital Dues, and for other Purposes.*

Feb. 10, 1871.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled "An act to reorganize the marine-hospital service, and to provide for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," approved June twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and seventy, and also the provisions of the first section of a certain other act entitled "An act to regulate the foreign and coasting trade on the northern, northeastern, and northwestern frontiers of the United States, and for other purposes," approved July one, eighteen hundred and seventy, shall not apply to nor be construed to include canal-boats employed in navigating the canals within the United States, notwithstanding such canal-boats may be enrolled or licensed for the coasting trade; and no person employed in or connected with the navigation, management, or use of canal-boats in the coasting trade shall by reason thereof be entitled to any benefit or relief from the marine-hospital fund.

Owners, &c. of canal-boats navigating canals within the United States not to pay marine-hospital dues, &c.;
1870, ch. 169.
Ante, p. 169.
1870, ch. 185, § 1.
Ante, p. 176.
persons employed thereon not entitled to benefit of the marine-hospital fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the seventh section of the last above-mentioned act be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to extend to all vessels navigating the waters of said frontiers otherwise than by the sea, the fees for the entrance and clearance of which shall be as follows: For the entry of a vessel direct from a foreign port, fifty cents; for the clearance of a vessel to a foreign port, fifty cents: *Provided*, That ferry-boats running on routes, duly bonded, and used exclusively for carrying sealed cars, under the provision of sections five and six of the

Fees for the entrance and clearance of vessels navigating the waters of the frontiers.

Certain ferry-boats.