

[No. 15.] Joint resolution requesting the Secretary of War to cause a further report to be made as to the practicability and approximate cost of tunneling the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan.

April 19, 1890.

Whereas, there having been commissions of Army engineers appointed in the years eighteen hundred and seventy-three, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and eighteen hundred and eighty-nine to investigate and report upon the necessity and practicability of the proper means of crossing the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan, by bridge or otherwise; and

Preamble,

Whereas, said commissioners have limited such investigations more particularly to the question of bridging said river: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to have the said Board of Engineers appointed by the Secretary of War in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine to more fully report upon (at the earliest time practicable) the advisability, practicability, and approximate cost of tunneling the Detroit River at or near Detroit, Michigan, in such a manner as to accommodate the large trade and commerce crossing the river at that point, without permanent obstruction of any kind whatever to the navigation interests of said river, with a view to the passage of said commerce through said tunnel from the United States into and through the Dominion of Canada and return; such report to be based upon the examination already made by said Board, or, if necessary to a compliance with this resolution, to make such report after further inquiry into the subject.

Detroit River.
Board of Army Engineers to report on tunneling, etc.

Approved, April 19, 1890.

[No. 16.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to use rations for the relief of destitute persons in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries, and making an appropriation to relieve the sufferers by said overflow.

April 25, 1890.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the purchase and distribution of subsistence stores to such destitute persons as may require assistance in the district overflowed by the Mississippi River and its tributaries, by the recent floods. And the Secretary of War is authorized to use the steamers and other boats and vessels belonging to or now employed by the Government upon the Mississippi River and its tributaries in the transportation and distribution of the supplies furnished by the United States or individuals, to and among said destitute and suffering people, and he may employ such other means of transportation as he may deem necessary to carry the purpose of this Joint Resolution into effect.

Mississippi River,
etc., floods.

Appropriation to relieve destitution in flooded district.
Post, p. 679.

Approved, April 25, 1890.

[No. 17.] Joint resolution authorizing the use and improvement of Castle Island, in Boston Harbor.

May 1, 1890.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That permission be, and is hereby, granted to the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, through its park commissioners, to improve and beautify Castle Island, situated in said city, and belonging to the United States, in

Castle Island, Massachusetts.

Use as a park granted to Boston. connection with a public park to be laid out on land adjoining and connecting with said island, with the right to said city of Boston to make such excavations and fillings and erect and maintain such structures as the Secretary of War may, from time to time, approve: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not be construed to pass any title in said island, but that the ownership and control of the said grounds shall remain entirely in the United States, and shall be subject to such changes and uses for military or other purposes as the Secretary of War may direct, and that the bridge leading from the harbor line to the island shall not be constructed until the plans for the same have been approved by the Secretary of War.

Proviso.

Title unchanged

Bridge.

Approved, May 1, 1890.

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[No. 18.] Joint resolution construing part of act of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, making appropriations for the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General.

Mail-bag repair shop, District of Columbia. Vol. 25, p. 844. Construction of appropriation.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such part of the act of March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, making appropriations for the office of Second Assistant Postmaster General as appropriates ten thousand dollars "for the purpose of enabling the Postmaster-General to make a lease of a suitable place in the City of Washington, and to furnish and equip the same with tools, implements, and machinery and other material which may be necessary to repair mail bags and sacks, and mail locks and keys," shall be construed so that the appropriation (until exhausted) shall cover all expense of purchasing tools, implements, and machinery and other material, and that the "other material" mentioned above shall be construed to mean such other material as is necessary to put the building leased for the shops in a suitable condition for repairing the various mail equipments used by the Post-Office Department, and that all other material and machinery found necessary to the successful operation of the repair shops may be purchased and paid for out of the funds heretofore appropriated for the purchase of mail bags and locks.

Approved, May 1, 1890.

May 14, 1890.

[No. 20.] Joint resolution to continue in force an act authorizing the construction of a bridge over Bayou Bernard, in the State of Mississippi.

Bridge across Bayou Bernard, Mississippi. Vol. 24, p. 410.

Time for completion extended.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over Bayou Bernard, in the State of Mississippi," approved February twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be, and the same is hereby, revived and continued in force and effect; and that the time for the completion of the bridge therein provided for be extended three years from February twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety, and that said act be so revived and extended, with all its provisions in full force the same as though the time in the original bill for the completion of said bridge had been six years instead of three years.

Approved, May 14, 1890.