which shall be satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy: And provided, further, That they shall take rank and receive pay only from the date of their appointments and shall rank with each other in the order of merit as shown by the examination herein provided for.

Date and rank.

Approved, March 20, 1896.

[No. 33.] Joint Resolution Directing the Secretary of War to make a survey and submit an estimate for a breakwater in Marquette Bay.

March 20, 1896.

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, authorized and directed to report to Congress, as soon as possible, a survey of a proposed breakwater, not less than five hundred water directed. nor more than one thousand feet in length, extending into Marquette Harbor, or Bay, in Lake Superior, from the southeast corner, or headland, of Presque Isle, together with an estimate of the cost of such breakwater.

Marquette Bay, Mich.

Approved, March 20, 1896.

[No. 34.] Joint Resolution Directing the Secretary of War to submit estimates for necessary repairs at Cleveland Harbor.

March 23, 1896.

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, authorized and directed to report to Congress, as soon as to piers, etc., directed. possible, what repairs are necessary to be made to the piers and breakwater in the harbor at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, to preserve the same, and what would be the cost of making such necessary repairs; and also to report what changes, if any, should be made in the location of said piers, and what would be the cost of the same.

Cleveland, Ohio. Estimate for repairs

Approved, March 23, 1896.

[No. 35.] Joint Resolution Directing the Secretary of War to furnish an estimate for deepening the channel from Hampton Roads to the navy-yard at Norfolk, Virginia, and also for improving the western branch of the Elizabeth River.

March 24, 1896.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, requested to furnish estimates as early as possible of the cost ening channel Hampof broadening and deepening a channel to a width of one hundred and both River to be subfifty yards and to a depth of twenty-eight feet from Hampton Roads to mitted. the United States navy yard, Norfolk, Virginia, and also of improving the western branch of Elizabeth River and making the channel two hundred feet wide and twenty feet deep for a distance of about one mile, as indicated by the report of General Thomas L. Casey, Chief of Engineers, in Appendix J fifteen, of the Annual Report of the Chief of Engineers for eighteen hundred and ninety-five, pages thirteen hundred to thirteen hundred and two.

Norfolk, Va. Estimates for deep

Approved, March 24, 1896.

[No. 36.] Joint Resolution Directing the Secretary of War to submit plans and estimates for the improvement of Fairport Harbor.

March 24, 1896.

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 authorized and directed to report to Congress a re-survey bordirected. of the Port of Fairport in the County of Lake and State of Ohio, with an estimate of the cost of such improvements as may be recommended by the Engineers in charge.

Fairport, Ohio. Survey, etc., of har-

Approved, March 24, 1896.