

March 28, 1908.
[H. J. R. 101.]

[Pub. Res., No. 15.]

John D. Sloat.
Design for statue to
at Monterey, Cal., au-
thorized.

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Proviso.
Minimum cost.

[No. 15.] Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to secure a suitable design for a statue of the late Commodore John D. Sloat at Monterey, California.

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 use, for the purpose of securing a suitable design for a statue of the late Commodore John D. Sloat, so much as may be necessary of the amount appropriated by the Act of March fourth, nineteen hundred and seven, entitled "An Act to aid in the completion of a monument at Monterey, California, to commemorate the taking possession of the Pacific coast by Commodore John D. Sloat, United States Navy": *Provided,* That the total amount used for securing said design shall not exceed one thousand dollars.

Approved, March 28, 1908.

April 3, 1908.
[H. J. R. 134.]

[Pub. Res., No. 16.]

Archibald G. Stirling.
Appointment as en-
sign in the Navy au-
thorized.

[No. 16.] Joint Resolution For the relief of Archibald G. Stirling, recently midshipman, United States Navy.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint former Midshipman Archibald G. Stirling to be an ensign in the United States Navy to take the position he is entitled to, by his order of merit, as shown by his examination for final graduation.

Approved, April 3, 1908.

April 30, 1908.
[H. J. R. 171.]

[Pub. Res., No. 17.]

Preamble.

The Southern cy-
clone.
Relief granted to
sufferers in the States
affected.
Post, p. 572.

Expression of regret
and sympathy by the
Congress.

[No. 17.] Joint Resolution Providing for assistance to the people of the storm-swept States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

Whereas, on the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and eight, there occurred in the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana a disastrous cyclone or tornado, causing the loss of hundreds of lives and the destruction of much property and rendering many persons homeless and temporarily without means of support: Therefore, be it

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 to use such means as he has at hand, or that may be furnished to him, in the way of tents, provisions, and supplies, to relieve the distress occasioned by such storm or cyclone, and that he take such steps as he may deem proper for the relief of such distress and need among the people who have suffered from the results of said storm or cyclone.

Resolved, That the Congress has heard with much regret and profound sorrow of the terrible loss of life and destruction of property attendant upon the disastrous storm or cyclone which visited the States of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana on the twenty-fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and eight, and hereby extends its sympathy to the sufferers.

Approved, April 30, 1908.

[No. 18.]—Joint Resolution Instructing the Attorney-General to institute certain suits, and so forth.

April 30, 1908.
[S. J. R. 48.]

[Pub. Res., No. 18.]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to institute and prosecute any and all suits in equity, actions at law, and other proceedings which he may deem adequate and appropriate to enforce any and all rights and remedies of the United States of America in any manner arising or growing out of or pertaining to either or any of the following-described Acts of Congress, to wit: "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Central Pacific Railroad in California to Portland, in Oregon," approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, as amended by the Acts approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and April tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; also "An Act granting lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg, in said State," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; also "An Act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to Astoria and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon," approved May fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy, including all rights and remedies in any manner relating to the lands, or any part thereof, granted by either or any of said Acts; and in and by any and all such suits, actions, or proceedings the Attorney-General shall, in such manner as he shall deem appropriate, assert all rights and remedies existing in favor of the United States relating to the subject of such suits, actions, and proceedings, including the claim on behalf of the United States that the lands granted by each of said Acts respectively, or any part thereof, have been and are forfeited to the United States by reason of any breaches or violations of any of the terms or conditions of either or any of said Acts which may be alleged and established in any such suits, actions, or proceedings; it not being intended hereby to determine the right of the United States to any such forfeiture or forfeitures, but it being intended to fully authorize the Attorney-General in and by such suits, actions, or proceedings to assert on behalf of the United States and the court or courts before which such suits, actions, or proceedings may be instituted or pending to entertain, consider, and adjudicate the claim and right of the United States to such forfeiture or forfeitures, and if found to enforce the same: *Resolved further*, That the authority and direction hereinbefore given shall extend to any and all suits, actions, or proceedings which may be instituted or pending under the authority of the Attorney-General at the time of the adoption and approval hereof.*

Approved, April 30, 1908.

Oregon.
Suits to be brought for forfeiture of certain railroad and wagon-road grants in.

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Vol. 15, p. 80.
Vol. 16, p. 47.

Vol. 15, p. 340.
Vol. 16, p. 94.

Rights of United States to be asserted.

Claims to be adjudicated and enforced.

All suits instituted, etc., included.

[No. 19.]—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Secretary of War to loan certain tents for use at the national convention of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to be held at Dallas, Texas, in July, nineteen hundred and eight.

May 4, 1908.
[H. J. R. 155.]

[Pub. Res., No. 19.]

*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 to loan, at his discretion, to the executive committee of the lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Dallas, Texas, having in charge the arrangements for the national convention of Elks to be held in Dallas, Texas, in July, nineteen hundred and eight, two thousand five hundred tents, with poles, ridges, and pins for each: *Provided*, That no expense shall be caused the United States Government by the delivery and return of such*

Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dallas, Tex.
Loan of tents to.

Providos.
No expense, etc.