examining applications for passports, is hereby authorized and empowered to receive and attest, but without charge to the affiant, all oaths, affidavits, or affirmations which are or may be required by law, or by the rules of the Department of State, to be made before granting such passport or passports; and such oaths, affidavits, or affirmations shall be deemed to be made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

APPROVED, February 8, 1870.

[No. 12.] Joint Resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to provide for taking meteorological Observations at the military Stations and other Points in the Interior of the Continent, and for giving Notice on the northern Lakes and Seaboard of the Approach and Force of Storms.

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 hereby is, authorized and required to provide for taking meteorological observations at the military stations in the interior of the continent, and at other points in the States and Territories of the United States, and for giving notice on the northern lakes and on the sea-coast, by magnetic telegraph and marine signals, of the approach and force of storms.

APPROVED, February 9, 1870.

[No. 13.] Joint Resolution donating to the public Schools of Washington, District of Columbia, the frame building located at the southeast corner of Twenty-second Street West and I Street North, in said City.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be donated to the city of Washington, for the use of the public schools of said city, the frame building now in the possession of the Freedmen's Bureau, located on the southeast corner of Twenty-second Street west and I Street north, and that the commissioner of said bureau be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to turn over said building to the mayor of Washington for the purpose stated, the transfer to take effect from December one, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

APPROVED, February 12, 1870.

[No. 15.] Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to place at the disposal of the "Bridges' Battery Association," at Chicago, Illinois, certain captured Ordnance.

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 and directed to place at the disposal of the "Bridges' Battery Association," at Chicago, Illinois, ten captured twelve-pounder guns of obsolete patterns, now condemned and in store at the Rock Island Arsenal, to be placed around a large and beautiful lot in Rosehill Cemetery, at Chicago, Illinois.

APPROVED, February 21, 1870.

[No. 16.] Joint Resolution to sell or exchange the Site of Custom-house in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, that a more suitable Location may be obtained.

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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to sell at public auction, to the highest and best bidder therefor, the present site for a custom-house in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, or to exchange, the same for a new and more eligible site, as directed in the following section.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That out of the proceeds of the said sale, or by such exchange, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and

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Secretary of the Treasury may sell or exchange the site of custom-house in Nashville, Tennessee.

New site may be procured.
Cost not to exceed proceeds of present site.

March 1, 1870.

[No. 18.] A Resolution to pass to the Credit of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers the Funds belonging to it for the Relief of sick and wounded Soldiers.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the unexpended balance of the fund created by the seventeenth section of the act approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers, shall be transferred to the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, for the support of its beneficiaries.

SEC. 2. And be it further resolved, That the moneys withheld because of the desertion of any person from the volunteer forces of the United States, who is borne on the rolls as a deserter, shall not be paid to him except the record of desertion shall have been cancelled on the sole ground that such record had been made erroneously and contrary to the facts, but such moneys shall be and remain the property of the National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers for the support of its beneficiaries.

APPROVED, March 1, 1870.

March 14, 1870.

[No. 21.] A Resolution in Relation to Settlers on the late Sioux Indian Reservation in the State of Minnesota.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress, approved March sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled “An act for the relief of settlers on the late Sioux Indian reservation in the State of Minnesota,” be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to allow the settlers therein provided for until the first day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-one, in which to make proof and payment for their claims.

APPROVED, March 14, 1870.

March 18, 1870.

[No. 22.] Joint Resolution making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for contingent Expenses of the House of Representatives of the United States for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated:

To defray expenses of folding documents, including materials and labor, thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars.
For pay of three mail carriers, at one thousand and ninety-five dollars each, three thousand two hundred and eighty-five dollars.
For pay of laborers, six thousand one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

APPROVED, March 18, 1870.

March 18, 1870.

[No. 23.] Joint Resolution relative to legislative Fund of Washington Territory.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the appropriation of twelve thousand dollars “for the per diem and mileage of the members of the territorial assembly of the Territory of Washington, at its second biennial session which meets on the first Monday in December, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and for the incidental expenses of the same,” contained in