district, which shall be valid and right in other respects up to the day on which the new office shall go into operation, be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

CHAP. 308.—An act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the confederated Otoe and Missouria and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri Tribes of Indians in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, with the consent of the Otoe and Missouria tribes of Indians expressed in open council, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cause to be surveyed the reservation of said Indians lying in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

SEC. 2. That the lands so surveyed shall be appraised by three commissioners, one of whom shall be designated by said Indians in open council, and the other two by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. That after the survey and appraisement of said lands, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and is hereby, authorized to offer one hundred and twenty thousand acres from the western side of the same for sale, through the United States public land-office, at Beatrice, Nebraska, for cash to actual settlers only, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each purchaser: Provided, That if, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, it shall be more advantageous to sell said lands upon deferred payments, he may, with the consent of the Indians expressed in open council, dispose of the same upon the following terms as to payments, that is to say, one-third in cash, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years from date of sale, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum: And provided further, That no portion of said land shall be sold at less than the appraised value thereof, and in no case less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre.

SEC. 4. That the proceeds of said sale shall be placed to the credit of said Indians in the Treasury of the United States, and bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum which income shall be expended for the benefit of said tribes under direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 5. That the commissioners for the appraisement of said lands shall be paid for their services at the rate of five dollars per day while actually employed, and their actual expenses; which sum, together with the cost of survey, and all other necessary incidental expenses of the execution of this act, shall be paid from the money realized by the sale of said lands.

SEC. 6. That certified copies of the plats and field-notes of said lands, when surveyed shall be prepared under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and kept in the land-office at Beatrice, Nebraska, to be used as other official plats and notes; and the register and the receiver shall be allowed such fees only for the sale of said lands as are now authorized by law in case of sales of public lands of the United States, to be paid out of the moneys arising from the sale thereof.

SEC. 7. That whenever the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribe of Indians shall, in open council in the usual manner, express their consent thereto, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized, in like manner and upon the same terms prescribed in the preceding sections of this act, to cause to be offered for sale a portion of their reservation lying in the States of Kansas and Nebraska, not exceeding in quantity ten sections of land to be taken from the western portion thereof; and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be used for the benefit of said tribe as the Secretary of the Interior may direct.

MILTON SAYLER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives pro tempore.
T. W. FERRY
President of the Senate pro tempore.
The President of the United States having returned to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouria and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri Tribes of Indians in the States of Kansas and Nebraska" with his objections thereto, the Senate proceeded in pursuance of the Constitution to reconsider the same; and

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, two-thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same.

GEO. O. GORHAM
Secretary.

The House of Representatives having proceeded in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the bill entitled "An act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouria tribes of Indians in the State of Kansas and Nebraska" returned to the Senate by the President of the United States, with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives with the message of the President returning the bill—

Resolved that the bill do pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

GEO. M. ADAMS
Clerk.
[No. 3.] Joint resolution on the celebration of the Centennial in the several counties or towns.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it be, and is hereby, recommended by the Senate and House of Representatives to the people of the several States that they assemble in their several counties or towns on the approaching Centennial Anniversary of our National Independence, and that they cause to have delivered on such day an historical sketch of said county or town from its formation, and that a copy of said sketch may be filed, in print or manuscript, in the Clerk's office of said county, and an additional copy, in print or manuscript, be filed in the office of the Librarian of Congress, to the intent that a complete record may thus be obtained of the progress of our institutions during the First Centennial of their existence.

Approved, March 13, 1876.

[No. 4.] Joint resolution directing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to pay the interest on the bonds issued in pursuance of the act of Congress approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy four, out of any funds in the United States Treasury subject to the requisition of said Commissioners, and for other purposes.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby directed to transfer to the Treasurer of the District of Columbia, for the payment of the interest, due the first of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, on the bonds of said District, issued under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, entitled "An act for the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," the sum necessary to pay the same from any unexpended appropriations herebefore made by Congress, or from any revenues derived by taxation on the property of said District of Columbia, subject to the requisition of said Commissioners, excluding funds raised for the support of public schools: Provided, That any further issue of three-sixty-five bonds under or by virtue of said act of Congress approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby prohibited: And provided, That the said Commissioners are hereby directed to discontinue all work and labor on streets, avenues, bridges, sewers, canals, and structures of every kind the payment for which is to be made in three-sixty-five bonds of the District of Columbia: And provided further, That so much of the sixth section of the said act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, as directs and requires the First Comptroller of the Treasury and the Second Comptroller of the Treasury to audit and adjust the floating and unfunded debt of the District of Columbia, and issue certificates therefor, and of the joint resolution continuing the Board of Audit to examine and audit the unfunded or floating debt of the District of Columbia, approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the act to extend the time within which the Board of Audit of the District of Columbia may receive, audit, and allow certain claims that have never been presented to said board, approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be, and the same is hereby, abolished.

March 13, 1876.

March 14, 1876.