

of the harbor at Mobile, Alabama, proceed with the work of dredging, under the direction of the Secretary of War, until the channel under improvement shall be completed to a width of two hundred and eighty feet and a depth of twenty-three feet for its full width of two hundred and eighty feet, payment therefor to be made at the rate specified in said contract, seven and seven-tenths cents per cubic yard, out of appropriations as they shall hereafter from time to time be made: *Provided*, That the payments upon said contract shall be held to be due only after appropriation shall have been made therefor, and shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum limited for said work in the appropriation bill of July thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, authorizing a continuing contract for said work.

Approved, March 16, 1896.

Proviso.
Payments.

Limit.
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March 19, 1896.

[No. 30.] Joint Resolution Relating to the Federal census.

Preamble.

Whereas representatives of various Governments which make decennial enumerations of the people are making efforts to secure uniformity in the inquiries to be used in future censuses; and

Whereas also it is expedient to give early consideration to some comprehensive plan for the establishment of a permanent census service: Therefore,

Federal census.
Plan for permanent
service to be sub-
mitted.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Labor, now in charge of the Eleventh Census, is hereby authorized and directed to correspond and confer with the census officers of other Governments for the purpose of securing uniformity in the inquiries relating to the people to be used in future censuses; and that said Commissioner is also hereby directed to report to Congress for its consideration, as soon as practicable, a plan for a permanent census service.

Approved, March 19, 1896.

March 19, 1896.

[No. 31.] Joint Resolution Directing the Public Printer to supply the Senate and House Libraries each with ten additional copies of the Congressional Record.

Preamble.

Whereas the number of copies of the Congressional Record provided for the Senate Library by section seventy-three of the Act in regard to public printing, approved January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, has proved insufficient to supply the needs of the Senate: Therefore,

Congressional Rec-
ord.
Number to Senate
and House libraries in-
creased.
Vol. 28, p. 617.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section seventy-three of the Act of January twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, providing for the public printing and binding and the distribution of public documents, which reads: "To the Senate and House Libraries, ten copies each," be so amended as to read: "To the Senate and House Libraries twenty copies each."

Approved, March 19, 1896.

March 20, 1896.

[No. 32.] Joint Resolution For the relief of ex-Naval Cadets John P. J. Ryan, John R. Morris, and Chester Wells.

John P. J. Ryan, John
R. Morris, and Chester
Wells.
May be appointed
assistant engineers,
Navy.
Provisos.
Examination.

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled: That the President of the United States be, and he is, hereby authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint John P. J. Ryan, John R. Morris, and Chester Wells to be assistant engineers in the Navy: *Provided*, That they shall pass an examination in steam engineering