

[No. 42.] Joint Resolution Donating a condemned cannon to the Commandery in Chief of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

June 7, 1900.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy, in his discretion, is hereby authorized to deliver to the order of Fred E. Bolton, quartermaster-general of the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, one dismounted condemned cannon captured from or surrendered by Spain during the Spanish-American war: *Provided*, That the Government shall be at no expense in connection with the delivering of said cannon.*

Sons of Veterans,
United States of America.

Delivery to, of condemned cannon authorized.

Provido.
Expense.

Approved, June 7, 1900.

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the third day of December, 1900, and was adjourned without day on Monday the fourth day of March, 1901.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY, President; WILLIAM P. FRYE, President of the Senate pro tempore; DAVID B. HENDERSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. 1.—An Act In relation to the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the permanent seat of government in the District of Columbia. December 7, 1900.

Whereas the Senate and House of Representatives have each appointed a committee to act with other committees appointed respectively by the President of the United States and by the citizens of the District of Columbia (in a mass meeting assembled), which committees have in charge the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the permanent seat of government in the District of Columbia; and

Preamble.

Whereas said committees have in joint session adopted a plan of celebration which has been submitted to the President of the United States and by him transmitted to Congress, such plan proposing as a feature of the celebration the holding by the Senate and House of Representatives, jointly, commemorative exercises in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the afternoon of the twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, in honor of the centennial anniversary of the first session of Congress held in the permanent capital: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the two Houses of Congress shall assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the twelfth day of December, nineteen hundred, at the hour of half past three o'clock post meridian, and that addresses on subjects bearing on the celebration shall be made by Senators and Representatives to be chosen by the joint committee mentioned in the preamble; that the President and ex-Presidents of the United States, the heads of the several Executive Departments, the Justices of the Supreme Court, representatives of foreign Governments accredited to this Government, the governors of the several States and Territories, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the Lieutenant-General of the Army and the Admiral of the Navy, officers of the Army and Navy who have received the thanks of Congress, and all persons who have the privilege of the floor either of the Senate or the House, be, and are hereby, invited to be present on the occasion, and that the members of the committee from the country at large, the members of the said citizens' committee, and the

District of Columbia. Celebration authorized of centennial anniversary of establishment of seat of government in.

Invitations to exercises.