

No. 8. A Resolution to appoint an agent at Washington to furnish documents to the Congress.

*Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America,* That the President of Congress be authorized to employ a suitable agent at Washington to furnish any documents or information which may be useful to this body.

Adopted, February 14, 1861.

[Text from *Journal*, I, 52. This title is repeated as No. 10 in the "Register."]

No. 16. A Resolution in relation to the occupation of Forts Sumter and Pickens.

*Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America,* That it is the sense of this Congress that immediate steps should be taken to obtain possession of Forts Sumter and Pickens by the authority of this Government, either by negotiation, or force, as early as practicable, and the President is hereby authorized to make all necessary military preparations for carrying this resolution into effect.

Adopted, February 15, 1861.

[Text from *Journal*, I, 55.]

No. 39. An Act to provide the compensation for the Commissioners to the European Powers.

*The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact,* That the Commissioners authorized and directed to be sent to Great Britain, France and other European powers shall each of them receive a compensation at the rate of one thousand dollars a month, to commence from the time of their departure on their mission, and to terminate on their return to the Government.

Sec. 2. It is further enacted, that a secretary shall accompany said commissioners who shall receive under like conditions a compensation at the rate of three hundred dollars a month.

Approved, February 27, 1861.

[Text from original bill in The National Archives.]