

RESOLUTIONS.

Feb. 27, 1856. [No. 1.] *A Resolution for the Appointment of Regents to fill the Vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.*

Geo. E. Badger and C. C. Felton appointed regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancies in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class "other than members of Congress," occasioned by the resignation of Rufus Choate, and the death of John McPherson Berrien, be filled by the appointment of George E. Badger, of North Carolina, and Cornelius C. Felton, of Massachusetts.

APPROVED, February 27, 1856.

Feb. 27, 1856. [No. 2.] *A Resolution to supply a Deficiency in the Appropriations for Printing for the second Session of the thirty-third Congress.*

Appropriation for printing and paper for 34th Congress may be applied to that of the 33d.

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and required to apply so much as may be necessary of the appropriations for the printing and paper of the thirty-fourth Congress to the deficiencies for the same purposes, ordered at the second session of the thirty-third Congress.

APPROVED, February 27, 1856.

March 13, 1856. [No. 3.] *A Resolution providing for the final Adjustment of certain Cases of Appeal from Decisions made by the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department.*

Mode of deciding appeals from decision of First Comptroller when he was auditor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in every case of account or claim not finally adjusted, upon which the present First Comptroller of the Treasury, as Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department may have decided, which may have been thereafter reexamined by an auditor in said office on new testimony and decided by him on such testimony, and from whose decision an appeal has been taken to the present First Comptroller of the Treasury, it shall be the duty of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury and the Commissioner of Customs finally to adjust the same, and in case of disagreement between the said Second Comptroller and Commissioner of Customs, the decision of the Attorney-General shall be as final as the decision of the First Comptroller would be, if he had acted under the eighth section of the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, concerning the organization of the Post-Office Department.

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APPROVED, March 13, 1856.

April 5, 1856. [No. 4.] *Joint Resolution for enlarging the Custom-House, Post-Office, and Court-House at Buffalo, New York.*

Extension of public buildings at Buffalo.

Provisoos.

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 be and he is hereby authorized to extend the building now in process of construction at Buffalo, for a custom-house, post-office, court-rooms, &c. not exceeding twenty-five feet in length, and erect proper vaults therein, if in his discretion the public interest requires the same: *Provided,* That such extension can be completed at an expense not exceeding thirty-three thousand dollars, including ten per cent. for contin-

gencies, which sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money remaining in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *And provided further*, That no money shall be paid under this joint resolution until the Secretary of the Treasury shall contract for the completion of said building so extended, at a cost within the sum heretofore and hereby appropriated.

APPROVED, April 5, 1856.

[No. 5.] *Joint Resolution relating to the Public Lands appertaining to the Springfield and Harper's Ferry Armories, and the North Carolina Arsenal.* April 23, 1856.

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, to exchange and convey the unoccupied lands and appurtenances belonging to the United States, known as the Lower Water shops, at the Springfield Armory, in the State of Massachusetts, for such other lands contiguous to the lands attached to said Armory upon the hill at Springfield, as he may deem necessary and proper for the improvement and convenience of said Armory, or in his discretion to sell the said tract known as the lower workshops and appurtenances, and to invest the proceeds of the same, or such part thereof as may be required, in the purchase of such lots or lands contiguous to the said Armory on the hill, as he may deem suitable and proper. For this purpose, he is hereby authorized to convey the title of the United States to the lands and appurtenances hereby authorized to be sold and conveyed, and to receive from individuals or corporate proprietors, deeds and titles to the lands so exchanged, sold or purchased.

Exchange of
lands at Spring-
field, Mass.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby authorized to apply so much of the proceeds of the recent sale of land and lots at Harper's Ferry, as he may deem advisable, to the purchase of such other lots at that place, as he may deem necessary to the safety and convenience of the public buildings belonging to the United States, and that he apply the residue of the proceeds of said sales to the improvement of the property retained by the United States.

Proceeds of sale
of land at Har-
per's Ferry may
be applied to
purchase other
land.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That the Secretary of War be also authorized to make sale of such portion of the site of the United States arsenal at Fayetteville, North Carolina, as in his judgment is not required for public purposes, and apply the proceeds of such sale, or so much as may be necessary, to the purchase of such additional land for the use of said arsenal, as he may deem necessary. He is for this purpose, authorized to convey the title of the United States for the lands which he may sell, to the purchaser, and to receive proper deeds and titles for the lands which may be purchased by him, as aforesaid.

Sale of land at
Fayetteville.

Application
of proceeds.

APPROVED, April 23, 1856.

[No. 7.] *Joint Resolution for enlarging the Custom-House, Post-Office and Court-House, at Cleveland, Ohio.* May 9, 1856.

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 be and he is hereby authorized to cause the building provided by law to be constructed at Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, for a custom-house, post-office, and court-house, to be increased in length over the plan heretofore adopted for that purpose, not to exceed twenty-five feet, and to modify and enlarge said plan so as to adapt the same to such increased length, if, in the opinion of the Secretary, the public convenience shall require such modification: *Provided*, That such extension and modification can be accomplished at an expense not exceeding thirty thousand dollars, and a sum not exceeding ten per cent. on the said last-mentioned sum for superintendence and contingencies; which sums, or so much thereof as

Extension of
public buildings
at Cleveland.

Provisoos.