

Feb. 16, 1857. [No. 7.] *Joint Resolution providing for the furnishing of a complete Set of Weights and Measures to the State of Vermont.*

Complete set of weights and measures to be furnished to Vermont.

*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 hereby is directed to cause a complete set of all the weights and measures adopted as standards, such as are made for the use of the several custom-houses, to be delivered to the governor of the State of Vermont, or such person as he may appoint, for the use of said State, and in order to replace the set recently destroyed by fire in the capitol of said State.

APPROVED, February 16, 1857.

Feb. 26, 1857. [No. 8.] *A Resolution to provide for ascertaining the relative Value of the Coinage of the United States and Great Britain, and the fixing the relative Value of the Unitary Coins of the two Countries.*

Agent, &c. to confer with Great Britain as to coinage.

*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 directed to appoint some suitable person as agent or commissioner to confer with the proper functionaries in Great Britain in relation to some plan or plans of so mutually arranging, on the decimal basis, the coinage of the two countries as that the respective units shall be thereafter easily and exactly commensurable, and to embody the result of such conference in a statement and report, to be laid before Congress as early as practicable; and that the compensation of said agent or commissioner shall not exceed five thousand dollars in full for his services and expenses.

APPROVED, February 26, 1857.

Feb. 26, 1857. [No. 9.] *A Resolution to prevent the Counterfeiting of the Coins of the United States.*

Investigation of J. T. Barclay's plan for preventing abrasion and counterfeiting of coin.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to cause inquiry to be made by two competent commissioners into processes and means claimed to have been discovered by J. T. Barclay for preventing the abrasion, counterfeiting, and deterioration of the coins of the United States, and to report the results of the said enquiry to Congress at its next session, with his opinion as to the probable value of the alleged discoveries; and the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

APPROVED, February 26, 1857.

March 3, 1857. [No. 12.] *A Resolution relative to Sections sixteen and thirty-six, in the Territories of Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska.*

Where sections 16 or 36 have been or shall be settled or taken as town sites before survey, &c. in Minnesota, Kansas, or Nebraska, other school lands to be selected in lieu thereof.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That where any settlements, by the erection of a dwelling-house, or the cultivation of any portion of the land, shall have been or shall be made upon the sixteenth or thirty-sixth sections (which sections have been reserved by law for the purpose of being applied to the support of schools in the Territories of Minnesota, Kansas, and Nebraska, and in the States and Territories hereafter to be erected out of the same) before the said sections shall have been or shall be surveyed; or when such sections have been or may be selected or occupied as town sites, under and by virtue of the act of Congress approved twenty-third of May, eighteen hundred and forty-four, or reserved for public uses before the survey, then other lands shall be selected by the proper authorities, in lieu thereof, agreeably to the provisions of the act