

February 26,
1866.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution to encourage and facilitate Telegraphic Communication between the Western and Eastern Continents.*

Preamble.
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WHEREAS by an act entitled "An act to encourage and facilitate telegraphic communication between the eastern and western continents" approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, it was provided, among other things, that the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to detail a vessel to assist in surveys and soundings, laying down sub-marine cable, transporting materials connected therewith, and generally afford such assistance as might be deemed best calculated to secure a successful promotion of the enterprise; and whereas the Emperor of Russia, for the purpose of co-operating with the government of the United States, under the act aforesaid, has ordered a steam corvette, the "Variag," of two thousand one hundred and fifty-six tons burthen, seventeen guns, three hundred and six men, to assist in the achievement of said telegraph, and has placed the said steamer subject to the orders of said telegraph company; and whereas said telegraph company intend, the ensuing summer, to lay the sub-marine cable required at Behring's Strait, said cable and the material for the entire line being now in transit, and the vessels of the company, seven in number, being ready at San Francisco and Vancouver for the expedition, and require immediate co-operation on the part of the United States, in conformity with said act: Therefore,

A steam vessel to be detailed to aid in laying the telegraph cable between the western and eastern continents.

Be it resolved in the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized and required to detail one steam vessel from the squadron of the Pacific station, or elsewhere, to assist in making surveys and soundings in that part of the Pacific coast, both of America and Asia, where it is proposed to establish said telegraph, in laying the submerged cable, and generally to afford such assistance as may be best calculated to secure the success of the enterprise and to carry out the purposes of the act approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to encourage and facilitate telegraphic communication between the eastern and western continents," so far as the same can be afforded without dismantling her, or destroying or impairing her efficiency as a vessel of war.

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[No. 11.] *A Resolution providing for Expenses incurred in searching for missing Soldiers of the Army of the United States, and for the further Prosecution of the same.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS Miss Clara Barton has, during the late war of the rebellion, expended from her own resources large sums of money in endeavoring to discover missing soldiers of the armies of the United States, and in communicating intelligence to their relatives; Therefore—

Appropriation to reimburse Miss Clara Barton.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse Miss Clara Barton for the amount so expended by her, and to aid in the further prosecution of the search for missing soldiers; and the printing necessary in the furtherance of the said object shall hereafter be done by the public printer.

Printing.

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[No. 12.] *Joint Resolution giving the Consent of Congress to the Transfer of the Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson to the State of West Virginia.*

Transfer of Berkeley and Jefferson counties from Virginia to West Virginia.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Congress hereby recognizes the transfer of the counties of Berkeley and Jefferson from the State of Virginia to West Virginia; and consents thereto.

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