

[No. 17.] *Joint Resolution in Regard to the Publication of postal Conventions made with foreign Countries.* March 1, 1869.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to cause the several postal conventions made with foreign countries, under the provisions of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, or which may hereafter be made, to be published in the same manner, and upon the same terms, as is prescribed for the publication of the treaties and laws of the United States.

Postal conventions to be published, &c.
1851, ch. 20, § 2.
Vol. ix. p. 587.
1851, ch. 48, § 2.
Vol. ix. p. 645.
Ante, p. 40.

APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

[No. 19.] *A Resolution providing for the Reporting and Publication of the Debates in Congress.* March 3, 1869.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint committee of Congress on public printing is hereby authorized to contract, on behalf of the general government, with Rives and Bailey for the reporting and publication of the debates in Congress for the term of two years, on and from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine: *Provided*, That, before the United States shall be called on to pay for any reporting or publication of the debates, the accounts therefor shall be submitted to the joint committee on public printing or to such other officer or officers of Congress as they may designate, and on their or his approbation thereof, as being in all respects according to the contracts, it shall be paid for from the treasury of the United States, after having passed the proper accounting officers thereof.

Contract to be made with Rives and Bailey for reporting, &c. debates in Congress for two years.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That in case the joint committee on public printing are unable to conclude a satisfactory contract with the said Rives and Bailey, or that they be unable to fulfil any contract that they may make, the joint committee on printing be authorized to have the debates reported and printed under the direction of the congressional printer at the government printing office.

Debates to be reported, &c. under direction of congressional printer, if &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further resolved*, That for the purpose aforesaid there be appropriated and paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

[No. 20.] *A Resolution for printing the Medical and Surgical History of the Rebellion.* March 3, 1869.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be printed at the government printing office five thousand copies of the first part of the Medical and Surgical History of the Rebellion, compiled by the surgeon-general under the direction of the Secretary of War, and five thousand copies of the Medical Statistics of the Provost-Marshall's Bureau, compiled and to be completed by Surgeon J. H. Baxter, as authorized by an act of Congress, approved July twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, which also provides that the editions of both publications thus ordered shall be disposed of as Congress may hereafter direct.

"Medical, &c. History of the Rebellion" and "Medical Statistics of the Provost Marshal's Bureau" to be printed.
1866, ch. 296.
Vol. xiv. p. 310.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

[No. 21.] *A Resolution giving the Assent of the United States to the Construction of the Newport and Cincinnati Bridge.* March 3, 1869.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, given to the erection of a bridge over the Ohio river from the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, to the city of Newport,

Consent of Congress given to the erection of a bridge over the Ohio river from Cincinnati, O., to Newport, Ky.

Bridge, how to
be built;
1863, ch. 167.
Vol. xii. p. 569.

when com-
pleted, to be a
legal structure
and a post-road.

Assent of
Congress may
be withdrawn,
if, &c.

Kentucky, by the Newport and Cincinnati Bridge Company, a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of each of the States of Kentucky and Ohio: *Provided*, that said bridge is built with an unbroken or continuous span of not less than four hundred feet in the clear, from pier to pier, over the main channel of the river, and is built in all other respects in accordance with the conditions and limitations of an act entitled "An act to establish certain post-roads," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two. That said bridge, when completed in the manner specified in this resolution, shall be deemed and taken to be a legal structure, and shall be a post-road for the transmission of the mails of the United States; but Congress reserves the right to withdraw the assent hereby given in case the free navigation of said river shall at any time be substantially and materially obstructed by any bridge to be erected under the authority of this resolution, or to direct the necessary modifications and alterations of said bridge.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

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[No. 22.] *A Resolution more efficiently to protect the Fur Seal in Alaska.*

Islands Saint
Paul and Saint
George, in Alas-
ka, declared a
special reserva-
tion, &c.

No person to
land or remain
on either, ex-
cept, &c.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the islands of Saint Paul and Saint George in Alaska be, and they are hereby, declared a special reservation for government purposes; and that, until otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for any person to land or remain on either of said islands, except by the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury; and any person found on either of said islands, contrary to the provisions of this resolution, shall be summarily removed; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to carry this resolution immediately into effect.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

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[No. 23.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Union Pacific Railway Company, Eastern Division, to change its Name to the "Kansas Pacific Railway Company."*

Union Pacific
Railway Co.,
eastern division,
to change its
name to Kansas
Pacific Railway
Co.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Union Pacific Railway Company, eastern division, is hereby authorized by resolution of its board of directors, which shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, to change its name to the "Kansas Pacific Railway Company."

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

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[No. 24.] *Joint Resolution relative to certain Purchases by the Interior Department.*

Secretary of
the Interior not
to receive or pay
for certain bond
paper;

nor pay cer-
tain bills for
printing patent
heads, &c.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed not to receive or make payment for three hundred thousand sheets of bond paper claimed to have been ordered of the stationery contractor for the Interior Department at a cost of twenty-four thousand dollars; and also that he withhold payment on any bills claimed to be due to said contractors the sum of two thousand three hundred and eighty dollars charged and received for printing seventeen thousand patent heads, which work was not performed by them; and also the value of forty thousand sheets of bond paper, at eight cents per sheet, now in the custody of said contractors, unless the same is returned; and that he also deduct from their unpaid bills the amount charged for goods in such unpaid bills (not included in their contract) above the prices at which like goods are sold in open market.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.