

April 6, 1870. [No. 31.] *A Resolution directing the Librarian of Congress to return to the Executor of Thomas Jefferson certain private Papers.*

Certain private papers to be returned to the executor of Thomas Jefferson.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Librarian of Congress be authorized to return to the executor of Thomas Jefferson such of the papers of said Jefferson now in possession of the government as upon examination shall be deemed of a private character, reserving such as may be regarded public in their character, and report the same to the Committee on the Library.

APPROVED, April 6, 1870.

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[No. 32.] *A Resolution relating to Officers of the Soldiers' Home.*

Officers of Soldiers' Home in the District of Columbia.
1870, ch. 9.
Ante, p. 62.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the law passed January twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy, prohibiting the assignment of retired army officers to duty, shall not apply to officers selected by the board of commissioners of the Soldiers' Home, District of Columbia, for duty at that institution, such selection being approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That they receive from the government only the pay and emoluments allowed by law to retired officers.

APPROVED, April 6, 1870.

April 7, 1870.

[No. 33.] *Joint Resolution directing an Inquiry into the Loss of the United States Steamer "Oneida."*

Preamble.

WHEREAS, on the twenty-fourth day of January last, the United States steamer "Oneida," when leaving the port of Yokohama, Japan, came in collision with the British Peninsular and Oriental mail steamer "Bombay," and sunk almost instantly, with the loss of nearly all her officers and the greater part of her men; and whereas the Navy Department has been unable, in answer to a request of the House of Representatives, to communicate any detailed or satisfactory information touching the circumstances of the loss, beyond its extent and the number of casualties; and whereas it appears that no full and impartial and satisfactory investigation has been made into the causes of the disaster, or into the conduct of the parties implicated in it: Therefore,

Inquiry to be made into the particulars of the loss of the United States steamer "Oneida."

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy shall, with the least practicable delay, order an inquiry to be made into the particulars of the loss of said United States steamer "Oneida," and of her officers and men, including the subsequent conduct of the captain of the steamer "Bombay," with a view to ascertain the responsibility for the collision by which she was destroyed, and for the destruction of life which attended the catastrophe, and make report of the same to Congress.

APPROVED, April 7, 1870.

April 16, 1870.

[No. 36.] *A Resolution in Relation to the Printing, for the Use of the Department of State, of additional Copies of Documents emanating from that Department.*

Additional copies of documents from State Department authorized for that department.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, in addition to the number of copies of documents emanating from the Department of State which may be ordered to be printed by either house of Congress, it shall be the duty of the congressional printer to cause to be printed for the use of that department five hundred copies of every such document, when requested to do so by the Secretary of State: *Provided*, That the expense of the same shall in no single case exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Proviso.

APPROVED, April 16, 1870.