

May 4, 1870.

[No. 41.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Sale of certain Lands at Springfield, Massachusetts, and for other Purposes.*

Certain land in Springfield, Mass., may be sold to Horace Kibbe.

*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 sell to Horace Kibbe, of Springfield, Massachusetts, at its full value, to be determined by the superintendent and paymaster, jointly, with the approval of the Secretary of War, of the national armory in said Springfield, a small detached piece of land belonging to, but of no use or value to the public, lying at the junction of Federal and Armory streets in said Springfield, and containing about forty-three square rods, on the condition that the said Kibbe shall grant all that portion of said lot lying to the south of the north line of Grant Street to the city of Springfield, for use as a public park forever. And on full payment of the appraised value thereof, and compliance with the condition before stated, the Secretary of War shall execute all necessary deeds for the conveyance of the lot to the purchaser thereof.

Byers Street, Springfield, Mass., to be a public highway. See Pub. Res. No. 69.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That Ryers [Byers] Street, heretofore opened on the public land at Springfield, Massachusetts, shall be, and is hereby declared to be, a public highway or thoroughfare for general use.

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[No. 42.] *Joint Resolution for the Return of Evidence of honorable Discharge to Officers and enlisted Men.*

Evidence of honorable discharge to be returned to officers and enlisted men.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where it has become necessary for any officer or enlisted man of the army to file his evidence of honorable discharge from the military service of the United States, to secure the settlement of his accounts, the accounting officer with whom it has been filed shall, upon application by said officer or enlisted man, deliver to him such evidence of honorable discharge, *providing* [provided] his accounts shall have been duly settled; and provided that the fact, date, and amount of such settlement shall first be clearly written across the face of such evidence of honorable discharge, and attested by the signature of the accounting officer.

Proviso.

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[No. 43.] *Joint Resolution making an Appropriation to defray the Expenses of the Committee on Education and Labor, incurred in Pursuance of Investigations ordered by the House of Representatives.*

Appropriation for expenses of committee on education and labor.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of three thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses to be incurred by the committee on education and labor, in conducting the investigation ordered by the House of Representatives by resolution of April sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy.

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[No. 47.] *A Resolution authorizing the Postmaster-General to prescribe an earlier Time for the Execution of Contracts by accepted Bidders, and for other Purposes.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS in the instructions appended to an advertisement issued by the Postmaster-General on the thirtieth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, inviting proposals for carrying the mails of the United States for four years from the first July, eighteen hundred and seventy, in the States of California, Oregon, and Nevada, and in the Territories of Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, and Arizona, it is stipulated that the contracts are to be executed by or before the

first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy; and whereas, in view of the importance of the service to be performed and the damage to the public interests which would result from failure to put said service in operation at the proper time, it is desirable to fix an earlier period than the first of July for the execution of the contracts, and to adopt such other precautions as may seem necessary to guard against the failure of bidders or contractors to fulfil their obligations: Therefore,

Preamble.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized, in any case in which he may deem it necessary, to require accepted bidders under the advertisement of September thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, inviting proposals for carrying the mails of the United States in the States and Territories above mentioned, to execute contracts and return them to the department at an earlier period than the first day of July, and, at the discretion of the Postmaster-General, as early as the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Postmaster-General may require accepted bidders to execute contracts at an earlier time, &c.;

SEC. 2 *And be it further resolved,* That in any case arising under the aforementioned advertisement in which the Postmaster-General shall have good reason to believe that any bid for carrying the mail on any route has not been made in good faith, he shall be authorized to summon the bidder or bidders to appear before him and show cause why such bid should not be set aside, or immediately executed by entering into contract with sufficient sureties; and the failure of the bidder or bidders to appear in response to such a summons and satisfy the Postmaster-General that said bid has been made in good faith, and that the guarantors thereof are duly responsible, or to enter into such contract, shall be deemed to be sufficient cause for setting such bid aside and entering into contract with the lowest of the bidders who will do so for the performance of the service. And all the bidders shall be seasonably notified that such summons has been issued and that they may be required to enter into such contract.

may summons certain bidders to show cause why such bid should not be set aside, or, &c.

Failure to appear, or, &c. to be sufficient cause for setting bid aside.

Notice to bidders.

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[No. 48.] *A Resolution to provide for Survey and Estimates of Cost of removing Obstructions from the Bayou Teche, in the State of Louisiana.*

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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 War be, and he is hereby, instructed to cause a survey and estimates of cost of removing obstructions from and improving the navigation of the Bayou Teche, in the State of Louisiana: *Provided,* That the expense of said survey and estimate shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars. And the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Survey and estimates to be made for removing obstructions from Bayou Teche. Proviso. Appropriation.

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[No. 49.] *A Resolution for the Transfer of an unexpended Balance of Appropriation to the Book Fund of the Library of Congress.*

May 5, 1870.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, appropriated by acts approved July thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, "for the expenses of exchanging public documents for the publications of foreign governments," the same being an unexpended balance not required for that purpose, be, and the same is hereby, transferred to the fund for the purchase of books for the library of Congress.

Transfer of appropriation to purchase of books for library of Congress. 1868, ch. 176. Vol. xv. p. 95. 1869, ch. 121. Vol. xv. p. 286.

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