

of the House of Representatives, be, and they are hereby authorized to transmit, free of postage, the message of the President of the United States, of the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and the documents accompanying the same, printed by order of the Senate and by order of the House of Representatives, to any post-office within the United States and the territories thereof.

transmit the President's message of 14th March, 1818.

APPROVED, March 19, 1818.

VIII. RESOLUTION directing the publication and distribution of the journal and proceedings of the convention which formed the present constitution of the United States.

March 27, 1818.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the journal of the convention which formed the present constitution of the United States, now remaining in the office of the Secretary of State, and all acts and proceedings of that convention, which are in the possession of the government of the United States, be published under the direction of the President of the United States, together with the secret journals of the acts and proceedings, and the foreign correspondence of the Congress of the United States, from the first meeting thereof down to the date of the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace between Great Britain and the United States, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-three, except such parts of the said foreign correspondence as the President of the United States may deem it improper at this time to publish. And that one thousand copies thereof be printed, of which one copy shall be furnished to each member of the present Congress, and the residue shall remain subject to the future disposition of Congress.

Journal, &c. of the convention which formed the constitution of the United States, to be published under the direction of the President.

Secret journals of acts and proceedings, and foreign correspondence, of Congress, prior to the peace of 1783, to be also published.

Distribution.

APPROVED, March 27, 1818.

IX.—RESOLUTION directing the distribution of the laws of the fourteenth Congress among the members of the fifteenth Congress.

March 27, 1818.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the secretary of the Senate and clerk of the House of Representatives be directed to procure from the Secretary of State as many copies of the laws of the fourteenth Congress as shall be necessary, and to distribute one copy thereof to each senator, representative, and delegate from the territories, of the fifteenth Congress who have not been supplied therewith.

Distribution.

APPROVED, March 27, 1818.

X. RESOLUTION directing the Secretary for the Department of State to prepare an index to the acts and resolutions of Congress, after the close of every session.

April 3, 1818.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That after the close of each session of Congress, an alphabetical index of the acts and joint resolutions passed at the preceding session shall be prepared, printed, and distributed, therewith, under the direction of the Secretary for the Department of State.

An alphabetical index of the acts and resolutions to be prepared, printed, and distributed, therewith.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.