

[No. 15.]—*A Resolution authorizing the Sale of certain Land at Baton Rouge to the State of Louisiana.*

July 23, 1846.

*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 and empowered to sell and convey, (for the use and benefit of the State of Louisiana,) to the three commissioners appointed by the Legislature of said State to select a site on which to erect a State house, two or more acres of the tract of land owned by the United States, lying in the parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, above and adjoining the town of Baton Rouge: *Provided,* That, in the judgment of the President of the United States, said sale may be made without detriment to the public interest.

APPROVED, July 23, 1846.

Secretary of War authorized to sell State of Louisiana certain land near Baton Rouge, for a site for State house.

[No. 18.]—*A Resolution for the Relief of Putney and Riddle.*

Aug. 4, 1846.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, for the purpose of a final settlement of the accounts of Putney and Riddle, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause the papers and evidence now on file to be reexamined by the proper accounting officer of the department; and if it shall appear that the government failed to fulfil its contract with the said Putney and Riddle, he shall then restate the account upon principles of equity and justice, according to the evidence on file. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the balance, if any, which shall appear to be due, after deducting what the said Putney and Riddle have already received.

APPROVED, August 4, 1846.

Secretary of War to cause the papers and evidence in support of the claim of Putney and Riddle to be reexamined, &c.

Balance appearing to be due to be paid.

[No. 19.]—*Joint Resolution for the Relief of Seth M. Leavenworth.*

Aug. 6, 1846.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be authorized and required to inquire into and ascertain the amount of damages (if any) sustained by Seth M. Leavenworth, mail contractor on route two thousand five hundred and four, by reason of the transfer of the contract for carrying the mail on said route from said Leavenworth to John Orchard, on the twentieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight; and the Postmaster-General is required to pay such damages ascertained out of the current appropriation for mail transportation; and the said Leavenworth shall be allowed the term of two years to make his proof of such damages.

APPROVED, August 6, 1846.

Postmaster-General to ascertain the damages sustained by S. M. Leavenworth, by reason of the transfer of his contract.

Amount of such damages to be paid him.

Two years allowed him to make his proof.

[No. 21.]—*Joint Resolution for the Relief of John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys.*

Aug. 8, 1846.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That John B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys, and their guarantors, be relieved from any supposed responsibility they may have incurred by reason of the

J. B. Denton and Curtis Humphreys relieved from responsibility for failure to comply with