

[No. 20.] — *Joint Resolution directing the Payment of certain Volunteers and Militia, under the Limitations therein prescribed.*

Aug. 8, 1846.

Ante, p. 111.

*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 required to cause to be paid, out of the appropriation made by the act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, approved the thirteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, to the volunteers and militia, called and actually received, by virtue of the orders of General E. P. Gaines, into the service of the United States, during the present year, and discharged before joining the army, and such companies as were actually organized and rendezvoused under said call, including the two companies of Major Gally's command, and the company at Baton Rouge arsenal; and also the company of Mississippi volunteers, (Natchez Fencibles,) and also the company of Mississippi volunteers, (Pontotoc Rovers,) organized and assembled at Vicksburg, and afterwards disbanded or discharged, and the companies of Ohio volunteers assembled at camp Washington, near Cincinnati, and who claim to have been mustered into service, one day's pay and allowances for every day detained in service, and the usual travelling allowances, and no more. And further, that where States or individuals have paid the expenses or provided the means of transportation of volunteers to the place of rendezvous, and furnished subsistence or clothing, the proportional amount thus furnished to each man, not exceeding the legal allowance to each, may be charged on the pay rolls, and withheld, and paid to the State or individual who actually provided the same. And further, that, when surgeons and assistant-surgeons have attended regiments of volunteers to the time when medical officers duly appointed by the United States entered upon their duties with said regiments, they may receive the same rate of compensation, and to a like number, as provided for by law; and persons doing the duties of assistant quartermasters and assistant commissaries, under like circumstances, may in like manner receive the same rate of compensation, and to a like number, as authorized by existing law.

Certain volunteers called out and received into service under orders of General Gaines to be paid out of the appropriation in act of May 13, 1846.  
Ante, p. 9.

Where individuals or States have paid expenses or provided transportation, &c., how to be refunded.

Compensation of surgeons and assistant surgeons, and of assistant quartermasters and commissaries.

APPROVED, August 8, 1846.

[No. 23.] — *A Resolution appointing Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.*

Aug. 10, 1846.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Rufus Choate, of Massachusetts, Gideon Hawley, of New York, Richard Rush, of Pennsylvania, William C. Preston, of South Carolina, and Alexander Dallas Bache and Joseph G. Totten, residents of the city of Washington, be, and the same are hereby, appointed regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in accordance with the provisions of the act establishing said institution.

Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Ante, p. 103.

APPROVED, August 10, 1846.

[No. 24.] — *A Resolution relative to Errors and defective Returns in certain Surveys, Plats, and Field Notes.*

Aug. 10, 1846

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ

Commissioner of General Land Office to ascertain damages sus-