

Sept. 26, 1850. [No. 17.] — *A Resolution relating to the Publication of the Laws of the United States.*

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State be authorized and directed to contract with Little & Brown to furnish their annual Statutes at Large, printed in conformity with the plan adopted by Congress in eighteen hundred and forty-five, instead of the edition usually issued by his order, under the act of Congress of April twentieth, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and which conforms to an edition of the laws now out of use.

APPROVED, September 26, 1850.

Sept. 28, 1850.

[No. 19.] — *A Resolution relative to the Public Printing.*

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the secretary of the Senate, and the clerk of the House, and the clerk of the joint committee on printing, jointly be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to examine, audit, and pass upon all accounts for printing, except they shall not audit or allow the account for printing the obituary notices on the death of President Taylor, to make a pro rata reduction in the compensation allowed, or to refuse the work altogether, should it be inferior to the standard, and in all things to possess the same power over the public printing as is conferred upon the joint committee on printing by the joint resolution approved August third, eighteen hundred and forty-six: *Provided,* That the authority hereby conferred shall only be exercised during the next recess of Congress, and shall cease at the commencement of the next session of Congress.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.

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[No. 20.] — *Joint Resolution explanatory of certain Acts therein mentioned.*

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the second section of the act entitled "An Act amending the act entitled 'An Act granting half-pay to widows or orphans where their husbands and fathers have died of wounds received in the military service of the United States,'" approved July twenty-one, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, extended by the act of February twenty-two, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, shall be construed to embrace the widows and orphans of all persons designated therein, who died while in actual service in the late war with Mexico, or in going to and returning from the same; and also to the widows and orphans of all such persons as, having been honorably discharged, or having resigned, shall have died after the passage of said last mentioned act, or who may hereafter die, of wounds received or from disease contracted while in said service: *Provided,* That the army rolls showing the death of any of said persons in the army, shall be sufficient evidence to establish that fact.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.