

[No. 24.] *Joint Resolution for the Appointment of Theodore D. Woolsey, of Connecticut, a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, in place of Cornelius G. Felton, deceased.* April 2, 1862.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, of the class other than members of Congress, caused by the decease of Cornelius C. Felton, be filled by the appointment of Theodore D. Woolsey, of Connecticut.*

Regent of Smithsonian Institution.

APPROVED, April 2, 1862.

[No. 25.] *A Resolution to authorize the President to assign the Command of Troops in the same Field or Department to Officers of the same Grade without Regard to Seniority.* April 4, 1862.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever military operations may require the presence of two or more officers of the same grade in the same field or department, the President may assign the command of the forces in such field or department without regard to seniority of rank.*

Command of troops in field, how may be assigned.

APPROVED, April 4, 1862.

[No. 26.] *Joint Resolution declaring that the United States ought to cooperate with, affording pecuniary Aid to any State which may adopt the gradual Abolishment of Slavery.* April 10, 1862.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States ought to cooperate with any State which may adopt gradual abolishment of slavery, giving to such State pecuniary aid, to be used by such State in its discretion, to compensate for the inconveniences, public and private, produced by such change of system.*

The United States should aid any State in the gradual abolition of slavery.

APPROVED, April 10, 1862.

[No. 27.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to test Plans and Materials for rendering Ships and floating Batteries invulnerable.* April 10, 1862.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be and he hereby is authorized to expend, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, for the purpose of testing plans and materials for rendering ships or floating batteries invulnerable.*

Tests of invulnerability of ships and floating batteries.

APPROVED, April 10, 1862.

[No. 28.] *A Resolution transferring the Supervision of the Capitol Extension and the Erection of the new Dome to the Department of the Interior.* April 16, 1862.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the supervision of the Capitol extension and the erection of the new dome be and the same is hereby transferred from the War Department to the Department of the Interior. And all unexpended money which has been heretofore appropriated, and all money which may be hereafter appropriated for either of the improvements heretofore mentioned, shall be expended under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That no money heretofore appropriated shall be expended upon the Capitol until authorized by Congress; except so much as is necessary to protect the building from injury by the elements and to complete the dome.*

Supervision of Capitol extension and new dome transferred to Department of the Interior.

Expenditure of appropriations.

APPROVED, April 16, 1862.