

bands of Indians and Mexicans who crossed the Rio Grande river into the State of Texas, murdering the inhabitants or carrying them into captivity, and destroying or carrying away the property of the citizens of said State; as also that bands of Indians have committed and continue to commit like depredations on the property, lives, and liberty of the citizens along the northern and northwestern frontiers of said State: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to appoint three persons to act as commissioners to inquire into the extent and character of said depredations, by whom committed, their residence, or country inhabited by them, the persons murdered or carried into captivity, the character and value of the property destroyed or carried away, from what portions of said State, and to whom the same belonged.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of said commissioners, or a majority of them, as soon as practicable, to proceed to the frontiers of said State, and take the testimony, under oath, of such witnesses as may appear before them, after having given notice for ten days previous, by publication in the nearest newspaper, of the time and place of their meeting, of all such depredations, when, where, by, and upon whom committed, and shall make up and transmit to the President full reports of their said investigations.

SEC. 3. That said commissioners shall be entitled to and receive as compensation for their services, the sum of ten dollars per day each, and their travelling expenses to each, for and during the time they shall be engaged in said service; and the sum of six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to pay the expenses of said investigation and said commissioners.

APPROVED, May 7, 1872.

June 6, 1872.

[No. 6.] *Joint Resolution providing for a more effective System of Quarantine on the Southern and Gulf Coasts.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS experience has proved that the present system of quarantine on the southern and gulf coasts is inefficient to prevent the ravages of yellow fever in the cities and towns of that section: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to detail one or more medical officers of the regular army, who shall, during the coming season, visit each town or port on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic coast, which is subject or liable to invasions of yellow fever, and shall confer with the authorities of such port or town, with reference to the establishment of a more uniform and effective system of quarantine, and who shall ascertain all facts having reference to the outbreaks of this disease in such ports or towns, and whether any system of quarantine is likely to be effective in preventing invasions of yellow fever, and, if so, what system will least interfere with the interests of commerce at said ports; and shall make, also, a detailed report on this subject to the Secretary of War, through the surgeon-general, on or before the assembling of the third session of the Forty-second Congress, in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

APPROVED, June 6, 1872.

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-SECOND CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the Third Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of December, A. D. 1872, and was adjourned without day on Tuesday the fourth day of March, A. D. 1873.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Vice-President and President of the Senate. JAMES G. BLAINE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. — *An Act making an Appropriation for the Repairs, Furnishing, and Ornamentation of the United States Custom-house and Post-office at Bath, Maine.* Dec. 10, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the repair, furnishing, and heating of the United States custom-house and post-office at Bath, in the State of Maine, and for grading the grounds, to be expended in accordance with existing laws.

Appropriation for custom-house and post-office, at Bath, Maine.

APPROVED, December 10, 1872.

CHAP. II. — *An Act to authorize the Issuance of College Scrip to the State of Arkansas, and for other Purposes.* Dec. 12, 1872.

WHEREAS the State of Arkansas has complied with all the provisions and requirements of an act entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," approved July second; eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and other acts amendatory thereto: Therefore,

Preamble.
1862, ch. 130,
vol. xii. p. 503.
1866, ch. 209,
vol. xiv. p. 208.
1868, ch. 256,
vol. xv. p. 227.
1870, ch. 81.
vol. xvi. p. 116.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Department of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue at once, and deliver to the secretary of the State of Arkansas, the full amount of college scrip, to wit, one hundred and fifty thousand acres, and ninety thousand acres to the secretary of the board of trustees of the Florida State Agricultural College of the State of Florida, as provided for in said act, to be used and appropriated to and for the purposes and objects in said act specified, and none other: *Provided,* That no scrip as aforesaid shall be delivered to the authorities of the State of Arkansas until said State shall have made some satisfactory arrangement by which the bonds of said State, principal and interest, now held by the United States as Indian trust funds, shall be funded in new bonds authorized to be issued by said State for this purpose.

College scrip to be issued to the State of Arkansas and to the Florida State Agricultural College.

State of Arkansas to first fund certain old bonds.

SEC. 2. That the time within which the State of Indiana may comply with the provisions of the act of July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to amend the fifth section of an act entitled

Time within which the State of Indiana may