

Classification no. **Y3. COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS—Continued****Y3.R32: Revision of Statutes Commission—Continued**

its 2d reading in the House was Bill to revise and consolidate statutes of United States in force on 1st day of December, 1873. It passed the House, was engrossed, and sent to the Senate, where it also passed. The copy of the act in the Public Documents Library (Y3.R32:Ac8) bears the autograph signatures of James G. Blaine, Speaker of the House, Matthew H. Carpenter, President of the Senate, and the approval of the act signed by U. S. Grant, President of the United States. This copy was presented by Luke P. Poland to Dr. Wm. K. Mahaffey, at that time a reading clerk of the House. The act was approved June 22, 1874, and published in 1875, the volume containing also, as an appendix, an act to correct errors and supply omissions, approved Feb. 18, 1875 (S7.9:181).

A report by Durant, made to the joint committee and embodying a statement of the changes he had made in the work of the commissioners, is referred to by Mr. Poland in the debates on the bill before the House of Representatives, for which see Congressional record, Jan. 21, 1874 (X182, p. 819). This report is supposed to have been published, though diligent inquiry has failed to locate a copy.

Durant also revised the laws relating to the District of Columbia, and compiled the Indian treaties, the post-road bill, and the bill regulating the punishment for military offenses.

In 1877, George S. Boutwell was appointed a commissioner for the purpose of preparing and publishing a new edition of the 1st volume of the Revised statutes. This edition was published in 1878, and is the legal standard; see S7.10:1.]

Ac8 Act to revise and consolidate statutes of United States in force, Dec. 1, 1873. [1874.] large 8° [Back title reads: Act revising and consolidating statutes of United States, 1st session, 43d Congress, 1873-74.]

P94 Proposed revision of laws. [Bill, H. 1215, 43d Congress, to revise and consolidate statutes of United States in force, Dec. 1, 1873.] [1873.] large 8° [Back title reads: Proposed revision of laws, 1873. This volume is Thomas Jefferson Durant's revision.]

R32<sup>1</sup> Revision of United States statutes as drafted by commissioners appointed for that purpose, as bound for examination by Committee of House of Representatives of 42d Congress on Revision of Laws. 1872. v. 1.

R32<sup>2</sup> Same. 1872. v. 2. [Both of these volumes are composed of separately paged "titles" and consecutively numbered with a numbering machine. All of the "titles" were also printed separately.]

**Y3.R32<sup>a</sup>: Revision of Statutes Commission (separates)**

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**Y3.Sa5: Santo Domingo Commission**

R29 Report of commission of inquiry to Santo Domingo, with introductory message of President, special reports made to commission, state papers furnished by Dominican Government, and statements of over 70 witnesses. 1871. ([42d Cong. 1st sess. S. ex. doc. 9]; serial no. 1466.) o

**Silver Commission of 1876.** See Monetary (or Silver) Commission of United States, 1876 (Y3.M74:).

**Y3.Sp2: Spanish Treaty Claims Commission**

[Organized Apr. 8, 1901, under act approved Mar. 2, 1901 (Stat. L. v. 31, p. 877).

This act provided that the commission should consist of 5 members to be appointed by the President, and that their power and jurisdiction should end 2 years from date of act. The President was given power to grant 6 months extensions from time to time. The commission finally became extinct May 2, 1910. By the Treaty of Paris, Dec. 1898, the United States and Spain mutually agreed to relinquish all claims for indemnity against each other, individual as well as national, the United States at the same time agreeing to adjudicate and settle the claims of its citizens against Spain. It was for the examination of these claims that the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission was created. During the 9 years of its existence it examined 542 claims, involving \$64,931,694. It awarded altogether only \$1,387,845.

Although this Checklist is intended to end with the calendar year 1909, an exception has been made for the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, and the final publications issued by it in 1910 have been added in order to make the list of its publications complete.]

See, for publications of Assistant Attorney-General for Spanish Treaty Claims Commission, J10.