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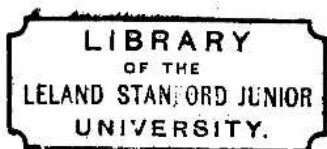
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CHAP. 836.—An act to authorize the printing of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late John F. Miller.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be printed of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late John F. Miller, a Senator from California, prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing, twelve thousand copies, of which four thousand shall be for the use of the Senate and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to have printed a portrait of said John F. Miller, to accompany said eulogies: and for engraving and printing said portrait the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 6, 1886.

## JOHN FRANKLIN MILLER.

### FUNERAL SERVICES AT WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO.

On Monday, the 8th day of March, 1866, General JOHN FRANKLIN MILLER, a Senator of the United States from the State of California, died at his residence on Connecticut avenue, in the city of Washington, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with heroic fortitude. The remote cause of his death may unquestionably be traced back to wounds he had received while fighting the battles of his country during the war of the rebellion, and especially a gunshot wound received in June, 1863, while leading his brigade in a charge on the enemy's entrenchments at Liberty Gap, Tennessee. This wound destroyed the sight of his left eye, the ball—an Enfield rifle bullet—remaining in the bones back of the eye, and in contact with the brain, for over twelve years, when it was extracted by the surgeons. During all this time he suffered intensely and his system was racked and weakened by pain, so that he fell an easy prey to disease, which found nothing to resist its ravages but an indomitable will, whose strength doubtless prolonged his life for many years.

At a regular session of the Senate held on that day, Mr. LELAND STANFORD, a United States Senator from the State of California, arose in his place and made the following announcement :

Mr. STANFORD. Mr. President, it becomes my painful duty to inform you of the death of my colleague, General JOHN

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F. MILLER, who departed this life this afternoon at twenty minutes past 2 o'clock, after a long and severe illness. I move that the Senate, out of respect to his memory, adjourn.

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. President, I rise to second the motion.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. It is moved and seconded that the Senate, in respect to the memory of our colleague who has recently died, do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned.

On the same day Mr. WILLIAM W. MORROW, a Representative in Congress from the State of California, arose in his place in the House of Representatives and announced Senator MILLER's death, in the following words:

Mr. MORROW. Mr. Speaker, the melancholy duty devolves upon me to announce the death of Senator JOHN F. MILLER, of California, who died in this city after a prolonged illness. Congress will undoubtedly set apart some day hereafter for the purpose of giving expression to the sentiment entertained for the character and great public services of Senator MILLER. As a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased Senator, I move the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the House has received with profound sorrow the intelligence of the death of Senator JOHN F. MILLER, of California.

*Resolved*, That out of respect to his memory this House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted; and accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

On Wednesday, the 11th day of March, the following proceedings were had in the Senate:

Mr. STANFORD. Mr. President, I ask the unanimous consent of the Senate to offer a series of resolutions at this time.



The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The resolutions will be read.  
The resolutions were read, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. JOHN F. MILLER, late a Senator from California.

*Resolved*, That a committee of five Senators be appointed by the President *pro tempore* of the Senate to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. MILLER, and that, as a mark of respect entertained by the Senate for his memory, his remains be removed from Washington to California in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms and attended by said committee, who shall have full power to carry this resolution into effect.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate the foregoing resolutions to the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT *pro tempore*. The question is on the adoption of the resolutions.

The resolutions were agreed to unanimously; and Mr. JONES of Nevada, Mr. FRYE, Mr. CULLOM, Mr. BUTLER, and Mr. GRAY were appointed as the committee under the second resolution.

Mr. FRYE submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to :

*Resolved*, That the Secretary invite the House of Representatives to attend the funeral ceremony of Hon. JOHN F. MILLER, late a Senator from the State of California, in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, March 13, at 12 o'clock m.

Mr. FRYE submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to :

*Resolved*, That invitation be extended to the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet, the Chief-Justice and the associate justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and the diplomatic corps, to attend the funeral ceremony of JOHN F. MILLER, late a Senator from the State of California, in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, the 13th of March, at 12 o'clock.

The foregoing having been reported to the House of Representatives on the same day, the following proceedings were had there :

Mr. MORROW. Mr. Speaker, the resolution reported from the Senate concerning arrangements to be made for the funeral escort of Senator JOHN F. MILLER, of California, contemplates that similar action be taken on the part of the House, and that a committee be appointed to co-operate with the Senate committee in accompanying the remains to California. I therefore offer the resolution which I send to the desk and ask its present consideration.

The SPEAKER. The resolution will be read.

The Clerk read as follows :

*Resolved*, That a special committee of seven members of the House be appointed by the Speaker to accompany a similar committee appointed by the Senate to escort the remains of Senator JOHN F. MILLER from Washington to California.

The resolution was agreed to.

On the 12th of March the Senate resolution inviting the House of Representatives to attend the funeral ceremonies of Senator MILLER having been presented by the Chair, the following proceedings were had :

Mr. MORROW. I offer the resolution which I send to the desk in relation to the subject-matter of the Senate resolution.

The Clerk read as follows :

*Resolved*, That the House accept the invitation of the Senate and attend in a body the funeral services of the late Senator JOHN F. MILLER, of California, in the Senate Chamber on Saturday, March 13, at 12 o'clock m.

The resolution was agreed to.

During the session of the Senate the same day there was received a message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. T. O. TOWLES, its Chief Clerk, announcing that the Speaker of the House had appointed Mr. JOSEPH MCKENNA, of California; Mr. J. THOMAS SPRIGGS, of New York; Mr.

J. A. LOUITT, of California; Mr. J. B. MORGAN, of Mississippi; Mr. WILLIAM P. HEPBURN, of IOWA; Mr. POLK LAF-FOON, of Kentucky, and Mr. SETH L. MILLIKEN, of Maine, the committee on the part of the House to accompany a similar committee on the part of the Senate to escort the remains of the late Senator JOHN F. MILLER from Washington to California.

On the morning of Saturday, March 13, after a brief prayer by the Rev. Dr. LEONARD at the house, in the presence only of the family and a few of the immediate friends of the deceased, the casket containing his remains was escorted from his late home on Connecticut avenue to the Capitol by an imposing cortege, headed by the Marine Band, playing dirges, and marshaled by the Commandery of the Loyal Legion for the District of Columbia. The route of the procession lay south on Connecticut avenue to K street; east on K street to Massachusetts avenue; along Massachusetts avenue to Delaware avenue; thence south on Delaware avenue to the Capitol grounds, where it halted in front of the main entrance to the Capitol. Here, while the band played "Nearer, my God, to Thee," the casket was borne by the pall-bearers up the broad flight of steps, followed by the family and friends, and escorted into the Senate Chamber, where it was placed in front of the President's chair. The pall-bearers were MESSRS. STANFORD, BECK, HOAR, VOORHEES, and HARRISON, on the part of the Senate; Messrs. FELTON, MORROW, RANDALL, HISCOCK, and TUCKER, on the part of the House of Representatives; and Dr. J. M. BROWN, U. S. N., General ABSALOM BAIRD, U. S. A., Admiral T. A. JENKINS, U. S. N., General A. B. BIRNEY, General W. S. ROSECRANS, General GREEN B. RAUM, General N. L. ANDERSON, and General R. B. MUSSEY, on the part of the Loyal Legion.