

REPORT.

To the Honorable,

The Senate and the House of Delegates of Maryland:

The undersigned the committee on Federal Relations, by instruction of the two Houses, were directed to act conjointly on certain topics contained in the message of the Governor. In pursuance of these instructions, your committee would respectfully submit the following report:

The first of these topics contained in the message relates to the Naval Academy. From the annual report of the Secretary, of the Navy, we learn that the territorial accommodations are deemed insufficient to accommodate the academy in all its purposes, and it is recommended to locate it at some other point with enlarged accommodations. Your committee fully concur with his Excellency, the Governor, in the opinion, that all the power of the Legislature of the State, will be done to afford all requisite facilities to this Institution, and feel assured that all the land desirable and desired for its use, can be obtained around the harbor of Annapolis, on as reasonable terms as elsewhere, and feel confident that superior water facilities suitable for the purpose, cannot any where else be obtained. In view of these facts, your committee indulge the hope that no proposal for the removal of the academy from its present location will be entertained, until it shall be ascertained that sufficient facilities cannot be had at this point.

Your committee suggest, that the attention of our representatives in the Congress of the United States, be requested to this subject, and the best exertions solicited in this behalf, and that his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to procure and furnish such information as they may desire on the subject.