

Wilkinson and Applegarth on the part of the Senate, and the Honorables Gould, Carew, Linthicum, Insley and Jones on the part of the House of Delegates.

No. 2.

Joint Resolutions and Memorial of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Maryland to Congress relative to the fortification, defence and armament of certain places along the Chesapeake Bay, for the proper defence of the Capital of Maryland, at Annapolis, and of the Capital of the United States, at Washington City, District of Columbia, and the more perfect defence of the City of Baltimore, Maryland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The Capital of the State of Maryland is at this time without adequate fortification, military defence and armament, in the event of an attack by a hostile force; and

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WHEREAS, In the opinion of competent military authority the defence of the approaches to the harbor at Annapolis is not only a direct defence of the Capital of the State of Maryland, but also an indirect defence of the Capital of the United States, at Washington City, District of Columbia, and in effect and fact supplements the present and proposed defence of the Chesapeake Bay approaches to Baltimore city, Maryland; and

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WHEREAS, All said matters are of the highest national importance at this time, entitling them to the serious attention of the General Assembly of Maryland, and immediate action of Congress, now in session; therefore,

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tions, etc.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, be and they are hereby respectfully requested by an amendment to the bill H. R. No. 7441, 55th Congress, 2d session, making appropriations "for fortifications and other works of defence, for the armament thereof, for the procurement of heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes," or by a proper amendment to some other pending appropriation, or other bill, to authorize and make obligatory upon the Secretary of War to cause to be duly examined at once, and report to Congress at its next session, the character, kind, extent and cost of fortifications and other works of defence and armament, which ought to be established by the United States at those points along the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay, in the State of Maryland, known and designated as Thomas' Point, Tolley's Point, Horn Point, Greenbury's Point, Hackett's Point and