

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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Finance Committee of the Senate and the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Delegates of the Legislature of the session of nineteen hundred, and their certificate in writing to that effect shall be a full discharge of said Treasurer; and that the debt of the State shall be credited with the amount of said bonds or certificates of indebtedness so destroyed and reduced to the extent thereof.

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No. 5.

Joint resolutions of the General Assembly of Maryland to Congress in relation to the equitable share of the State in the Public Lands of the United States, for the benefit of the public schools of Maryland. Public lands of the United States.

WHEREAS, of the public lands of the United States, the common property of the Union, 600,000,000 acres still remain unsold and undisposed of by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Congress has granted to twenty-seven States, since the year 1803, in round numbers, 68,000,000 acres of Public Land for common or public schools; and

WHEREAS, Congress has never granted to the State of Maryland one acre of said Public Lands for the benefit of her public schools: and

WHEREAS, It was chiefly because of the wisdom and sagacity of the Maryland statesmen that the Public Lands were ceded to the Union by the several States that originally claimed them; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress be and they are hereby earnestly requested to take such action as in their judgment will lead to the passage of an Act granting to the State of Maryland for the use and benefit of its public schools a just proportion of the Public Lands belonging to the United States.* Requesting Congress to grant to State of Maryland her just proportion.

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No. 6.

Joint Resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland to use all proper endeavors to have the authorities of the United States deed and convey to the State of Maryland the Naval Hospital building, located on the Government farm adjoining the Naval Academy grounds, near Annapolis. Naval Hospital Building on government farm.