WHEREAS, The United States Naval authorities have erected on the "Government farm," adjoining the Naval Academy grounds, at Annapolis, a hospital building, which building has not been used for any purpose for a number of years, and is consequently falling to decay; and.

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is desirous of acquiring a similar building for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a normal and industrial school for colored children: therefore, be it

Requested to grant and convey to the State.

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland that the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland be and they are hereby requested to use all proper efforts to have the United States authorities grant and convey to the State of Maryland the Naval Hospital building on the "Government farm," adjoining the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, with such quantity of land for the maintenance of a normal and industrial school for colored children.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be immediately forwarded to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland.

## No. 7.

Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland to Congress to improve the Severn River and Harbor of Annapolis, Maryland.

River and Harbor of Annapolis.

WHEREAS, Congress, in the River and Harbor Act approved Improvement June 3, 1896, gave authority to the Secretary of War, under of the Severn the authority of the Severn the authority of the Secretary of War, under the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, to cause a survey to be made of the channel of the entrance to the harbor of Annapolis, Maryland, which authorization and the objects thereof are contained in words, as follows, to wit: "Annapolis harbor, with a view of straightening, widening and deepening the channel of the entrance to said harbor, so as to obtain a ship's channel of one hundred and fifty feet wide and twentyeight feet deep, at mean low water, from Chesapeake Bay to the wharves of the United States Naval Academy, in said harbor"; and,

> WHEREAS, Under said authorization an official survey was made which was duly communicated to the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on December 9, 1896, and printed as House Document No. 57, Fiftyfourth Congress, second session; and,