

Vice Admiral D. D. Porter, commanding the Naval School at this station.

The reasonable request which he makes, I trust, will be received and acted upon in a liberal spirit by the General Assembly, in order that every facility may be afforded in advancing the interests of that valuable Institution. I would respectfully suggest that a select committee be appointed by your Honorable Body to confer with a similar committee from the corporation of Annapolis, and that steps be promptly taken to obviate any difficulty which now exists in reference to the enlargement of the grounds of the Naval Academy.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. SWANN

U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY,
ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 23, 1867.

Sir:—I beg leave respectfully to submit for your consideration an application to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, and request that you will take such action as you may deem expedient to enable the Government of the United States to procure the desired advantages as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Your Obd't. Servant,

DAVID D. PORTER,

Vice Admiral and Supt. N. A.

To His Excellency THOS. SWANN, Governor of Maryland.

*To the Honorable, the General Assembly
of the State of Maryland:*

The undersigned begs leave to address your Honorable Bodies in relation to a matter of vital importance to the Naval Academy, of which he is Superintendent, and also to the corporation in which the said Academy is situated. While the State of Maryland set a most laudable example in disposing of the Gubernatorial grounds, at small cost, for the benefit of the Naval Academy, the same spirit was not manifested by private parties, who, losing sight of the advantages conferred upon the city of Annapolis by the location of the Institution in its midst, have endeavored not only to impede the progress of the Academy by refusing to sell their property at a fair valuation, but have located buildings alongside the