

CHAPTER 294.

AN ACT to authorize the purchase or condemnation of certain lands in the city of Annapolis, and in Anne Arundel county for the public use of the United States as part of the Naval Academy, and to cede to the United States concurrent jurisdiction over such lands, and to exempt the same from taxation. Passed Mar. 8, 1867.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly by the Vice Admiral in command of the Naval Academy of Annapolis, that the Government of the United States needs at this time further additions of territory in and near Annapolis to the present enclosures of the Academy for the public use as part of the Academy grounds, and desires to purchase the same, and that it is apprehended that the United States may not be able to acquire said lands at this time at a fair and just price from the owners thereof, by reason of some of said owners being under age, feme covert, now resident of Anne Arundel county, or non compos mentis, or because the agents of the United States may not be able to agree with such owners as to the value of such property; *and whereas* this General Assembly is desirous to comply with the request of the United States authorities, that provision should be made by law for condemning such lands for the public use, as part of the Naval Academy, in the event of the United States not being able to purchase the same, and is also willing to cede to the United States concurrent jurisdiction over such lands when the same shall have been purchased or condemned as hereinafter provided; therefore,

Preamble.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That whenever the United States shall make application to the owner of any lots or parcel of land lying in the city of Annapolis to the North and East of King George street in said city, or situate in Anne Arundel county South of the Severn river, to purchase the same for the public use as part of the Naval Academy, and the In case land be wanted by United States, &c.