

No. 4.

Requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge upon the General Government to make an appropriation for the removal of obstructions near the mouth of the Severn River, and other improvements to the harbor of Annapolis.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland, Preamble. by their resolution number forty, at the December session, eighteen hundred and seventeen, declared, "that it is in the contemplation of the Government of the United States to establish a naval depot at some place best fitted for the purpose, and that the harbor of Annapolis is, in all respects, well adapted to answer that purpose, by reason of its central position and other weighty considerations; *provided*, the navigation of the Severn River should be facilitated by the removal of a small and inconsiderable obstruction near the mouth of said river, and did therefore make an appropriation for the removal of this bar, or cutting a channel through the same; *provided*, Annapolis be fixed upon as the place for the naval depot; and

WHEREAS, Annapolis being the best harbor near- Preamble. est the Capitol of the United States, is often used by our own and foreign vessels having communications with our Government at Washington, especially since the establishment of the naval academy at Annapolis, it is highly important to remove the aforesaid obstructions; therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, Remove
That the members of Congress, representing this obstruction. State, be and they are hereby requested to urge upon the Congress of the United States to make an adequate appropriation to remove the aforesaid obstruc-