

as our resources should render it practicable, without inconvenience, so that in future wars we might not be found destitute of every necessary means of defence, and in pursuance of these views, he recommended the establishment of national works for manufacturing such articles as were necessary for the defence of the country; *And whereas*, the experience of the late war fully demonstrated the wisdom of that policy which his solicitude for our welfare recommended, and the losses, in the blood and treasure which this republic suffered have proved the value of his precepts; *And whereas*, it belongs to the general government under the constitution of the union to "provide for the common defence, and to promote the general welfare"—Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a knowledge of the topography of the country, is of essential importance, as well for the promotion of works of internal improvement as to give effect to military operations, and that this knowledge should be gathered by repeated surveys, and proper maps and charts deposited in our archives, and as the acquisition of such information (alike useful in peace and war) can only be made by those who devoting their talents and energies to the duty, become skilled in scientific principles and accurate in practical details, the topographical corps of the United States, should be fostered and gradually increased

*Resolved*, That the ordnance department is of peculiar importance; requiring fidelity and practical skill and scientific knowledge in its administration, its efficient organization, is therefore demanded as well to insure the fabrication and preservation of our arms in sufficient abundance as to render the ingenuity and science of those to whom these duties are intrusted, available and beneficial to the country.

*Resolved*, That the establishment of fortifications throughout our borders, should be persevered in as essential to the security of the important outlets of our commerce, and at the same time to give additional maritime strength to the Atlantic States.

*Resolved*, That the establishment of a National Foundry for the fabrication of cannon is required as well to provide for the armament of our fortifications as to furnish proper field trains, to be distributed throughout the different states, and that by such an establishment not only would artisans be drawn together, but the true principles of economy be preserved, by the government commanding at all times, the means of supplying the most important arm of defence, in quantity and quality, as the emergency may demand.