

Preamble. WHEREAS, during the recent centennial celebration of the events by the citizens and Representatives of the Republic of France and the United States of America, the hope was expressed by the descendants of the officers of both France and America, who commanded on the field in one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, that the farm and house should be preserved and perpetuated as a memorial of the friendly alliance which then and ever since has existed between the people of the two nations, as well as in respect to the memories of those who fell in or survive the struggle that ended the protracted war, and gave peace and hope to a then impoverished people, and

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is stated, the property can at this time be secured for a nominal sum, and that the product of the farm will probably be ample to preserve and keep the buildings in repair, and which are so located as to be well adapted for government purposes on occasions of naval inspections and reviews on York River, and

Preamble WHEREAS, the sentiments expressed by representatives of the French Republic and descendants of French officers who commanded on the field at Yorktown during their recent visit to participate in the centennial celebration, in conjunction with the descendants of the colonial officers, was that this government should take charge of and preserve and perpetuate the property ; and believing this to be also the sentiments of the American people in general, therefore

Purchase of Temple Farm and Moore House. SECTION 1. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the United States Senators from the State of Maryland, and the Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested, to prepare and support a bill for the purchase of the Temple Farm and Moore House at Yorktown, Virginia, by the Government of the United States of America. Provided, the cost of the said farm and all improvements shall not exceed a reasonable price, and that the State of Virginia, shall exempt the same from taxation.

Copy of resolutions SEC. 2. *And be it resolved,* That engrossed copies of this preamble and joint resolution be sent to the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Maryland.