

Preamble. WHEREAS, The State of Maryland, by its General Assembly, as early as the year 1826 invited the United States Government to locate the proposed United States Naval Academy at Annapolis; and

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Preamble. WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to Congress for the year 1897, stated that "the condition of many of the buildings at the Academy is such as to make it desirable that Congress should consider the question of their reconstruction," and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, in a special communication to Congress on the same subject, further states "that the recitation halls have fallen into such ruin that the cadets have been assigned to attics and garrets as the only available spaces, while the storehouse is in such condition that the storekeeper refuses to be responsible for the safety of the goods in his care," and "that the armory, the boat house, power house and basin for boats need to be rebuilt immediately;" now, therefore,

Secure appropriations. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States, are respectfully and urgently requested to use their utmost ability to secure at the present session of Congress adequate appropriations to complete all the improvements recommended by the Navy Department as imperatively needed at the Naval Academy.

Copy of resolutions sent. *Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the chief clerk of this house to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

No. 6.

Joint Resolution requesting the Governor to issue a commission to Hon. Louis E. McComas.

Commission issued. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That his Excellency, the Governor of Maryland, be and he is hereby requested to issue a commission, in the usual form, to the Hon