

tance that ample security be afforded to the persons and property of the people of this State, by the general government, which, in the opinion of this Legislature, can more efficiently be done by steam batteries, than by any other mode of defence—Therefore,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to introduce immediately a bill, and urgently to press the same to its passage, making provision for the building of at least two steam batteries, for the special protection of Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

*Resolved,* That the Governor be requested to send as soon as may be, a copy of this preamble and its accompanying resolutions, to said Senators and Representatives.

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 No. 19.

Passed Mar. 9, 1841. Resolution requesting the Governor to convene an extra session of the Legislature.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the time limited by the constitution for the present session, is too short to enable this Legislature to transact the important business entrusted to their charge; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to exercise the powers vested in the executive, to convene this Legislature again at the earliest convenient day, after the fifteenth of April next.

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 No. 20.

Passed Mar. 8, 1841. Resolution directing the Adjutant General to furnish Captain George R. Howard, with a certain number of Knapsacks.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Adjutant General be authorised and directed to procure and furnish Captain George R. Howard glazed knapsacks, for the use of the Elkton Guards, not exceeding fifty, upon bond with security, approved by the Adjutant General, being given.