

1st. Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the city and harbor of Annapolis offer advantages for the location of a Naval Academy, unequalled in the whole Union, combining the highest salubrity of climate, safe and accessible approach by water at all seasons to vessels of the greatest depth, communicating by railroad and telegraph with the seat of Government, which is within two hours travel, and a ready access to the coal regions of Maryland and Pennsylvania for the supply, at the cheapest rates, of the national vessels.

2d. That this location was recommended by experienced naval officers, after a careful examination of every available spot in the country, and was selected after the fullest comparison of the advantages presented by all places now contending for the possession of the School, and extensive and commodious buildings have been erected here at a great expense by Congress, with a view to its permanent establishment here, which would be almost valueless to the Government in the event of the removal of the School.

3d. That the permanent location of the Naval School elsewhere, would impose upon the Government an immense expenditure for the erection of suitable buildings and conveniences for its proper management, and that no other place in the country would possess as great advantages for the purposes of the School, after all such expenditures may have been made, as are now offered at Annapolis, without the necessity of such expense.

4th. That the General Assembly of this State has by law, ceded to the United States, jurisdiction and control over the ground of the Naval Academy for the purposes of a Naval School, and has specially exempted from all taxation the said lands and all personal property of the officers and agents of the Government within its bounds, so long as the same shall remain the property of the United States, and be used for the purposes of a Naval School, and this State has never failed to comply with any of its obligations growing out of this legislation, or to cherish and advance the interests of the School in every way in its power.

5th. That Maryland as a large tax paying State, and in view of its commercial, manufacturing and agricultural importance is entitled to claim of the Government the retention at Annapolis, of this Institution, which is the only Government establishment of any importance within its limits, where any portion of the revenues, which the United States receives from the tax payers of the State are disbursed among its people.

6th. That the intimation, by the advocates of the removal