

of the School, that its situation here may have exercised an unpatriotic influence upon the students at the School, is abundantly refuted by the facts, that this city and the whole State have ever been true to the Union, in the face of temptations and threats entirely unknown to the Northern States who were removed from the dangers which surrounded the people of Maryland, that the younger naval heroes who have so nobly sustained the flag of the Union throughout the trying scenes of the present unhappy contest, are graduates of the School, since its establishment at Annapolis, and the naval commanders whose gallant exploits have rendered such distinguished aid to the cause of the Union, with scarcely an exception, have been connected with the School here in official capacities. While the fact that some of its graduates have taken arms against the Government, can no more be considered as a reason for the removal of the Naval School from Annapolis, than similar conduct on the part of the graduates of the Military Academy, can be regarded as a ground for the removal of that Institution from West Point.

7th. That as the Naval School was removed from Annapolis, in April last, solely for the military convenience of the Government, and in no degree, as has been incorrectly represented, because of its supposed insecurity here; this General Assembly expresses the earnest hope and request that it will be restored to its former location, as soon as the exigencies of the Government shall enable it to vacate the ground and buildings now temporarily occupied by the army.

8th. That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be and they are hereby requested to present these Resolutions to the Senate and House of Representatives, and to use their best exertions to promote the object and purposes indicated by them.

Which were read the first time, and

Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates delivered the following message:

By the House of Delegates,
February 17th, 1862.

Gentlemen of the Senate :

We have received your message requesting the return of a bill entitled, An act to amend the 56th article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to licenses, requiring the sheriff of the several counties to report an alphabetical list of persons required to take out licenses, and herewith, respectfully, return the same.

By order,

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.

Which was read.