

Sandy Point, and also along the Western Shore of Kent Island opposite said named points, by proper defences, either permanent, to be established upon, or floating, to be established at said points and shores, as they now exist, or by proper and adequate extensions thereof, either by piling or by stone walls, or by other proper methods along and across and over the shoals opposite to and adjoining said points and shore, as all the same now exist, and shown by chart No. 135 of the Coast and Geodetic Survey of Chesapeake Bay, so as to secure a protection as near perfect as may be for the due defence of that portion of the Chesapeake Bay which is situate between the Western Shore of Kent Island and said named points opposite thereto on the Western Shore of Chesapeake Bay, and which defences are believed to be necessary in order to properly protect the Capital of this State and the Capital of the United States, and also the approaches to the city of Baltimore via the Chesapeake Bay.

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No. 3.

Joint Resolutions and Memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland to Congress to improve the Severn River, in Maryland, and to establish a National Naval Dry Dock thereon.

WHEREAS, Under date of November 15, 1897, the Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to the President of United States for the year 1897, recited that the most urgent need of the naval service, on that date, was an increase of government docking facilities, the lack of which he declared Congress should remedy at the earliest moment possible, because the necessity therefor was imperative; and also recited that the government then owned only eleven dry docks, nine on the Atlantic and two on the Pacific, seven being of timber and four of stone, and that very few of the larger docks on the Atlantic were in a condition proper for effective use, so much so in August, 1897, as to necessitate his sending the U. S. Battle-ship Indiana to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to be there docked in an English dry dock, of which he further recited that Great Britain then owned 611, twenty eight of which accommodate first class battle-ships, fourteen of which ships could at one time be docked in the two dock yards of Chatham and Portsmouth, England, alone (at which two yards all the dry docks are of stone); and

WHEREAS, Under date of December 6, 1897, the President of the United States, in his regular message to Congress,