

ons, which ought to have great weight. Its vicinity to the seat of government. The opportunity thereby afforded the Head of the Department, to which the institution would seem properly to belong, occasionally to visit the Institution, and an occasional visit from the Commander in Chief, which might be expected, would certainly be productive of the happiest results to such an institution.

Your committee would further respectfully represent, that the central position of Maryland, with respect to the Atlantic states; ought to have weight in the selection of a site for the proposed object. It will be found, by reference to the Map, that our state is as near, as may be, in the centre of the line of coast stretching from Maine to Florida. If it be meant to establish but one school of the kind, that one should be as convenient as possible to every part of the United States, and this will be done no where as well as at Annapolis.

Your committee would, therefore, respectfully submit the following resolutions.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States be, and they are hereby requested, to exert every possible influence to procure to the state of Maryland, and to the Union at large, the advantages of a Naval Academy, to be located at the city of Annapolis.

Resolved, That the governor and council be and they are hereby requested, to transmit a copy of this Report and Resolutions, to each of our Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

By order.

D. Ridgely, Com. Clk.

Mr. Gantt, reported a bill, entitled, An act to prevent boats and other vessels from taking sand from that part of the eastern branch of the Potomac, lying and being in Prince-George's county; which was twice read, by special order, passed, and sent to the senate for its concurrence.

Mr. Peach reported a bill, entitled, An act for the relief of Rachel Russell, of Prince George's county; which was twice read, by special order, amended, on the motion of Mr. Gantt, by striking out "forty," and inserting in lieu thereof, "thirty," as the sum authorised to be annually levied on the assessable property of the county, for her support, passed, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Armstrong reported bills of the following titles, viz. An act authorising John T. Barnes, a free man of colour, to bring his wife Jane, into this state; and an act authorising Isaac Sweet, a free man of colour, to bring his wife, Caty Sweet, into this state; which said bills were severally twice read, by special order, passed, and sent to the senate.