

HOUSE No. 68.

[New draft of Senate, No. 20.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

RESOLUTIONS

In favor of Coast Defences and the Building of a Navy.

1 *Whereas*, The people of this Commonwealth, realizing
2 the defenceless condition of the seaport cities and towns,
3 not only of this State but of the whole country; and
4 realizing, further, the incalculable loss that would befall
5 these cities in the event of war with a foreign power;
6 and

7 *Whereas*, The navy of the country is totally inade-
8 quate, in such an event, to render substantial aid, either
9 in the defence of our cities and harbors or in protecting
10 our commerce upon the high seas; and

11 *Whereas*, This condition of our defences assumes im-
12 portance to Massachusetts, from the fact that the capitol
13 of the State, together with its archives, are on the sea-
14 board and liable to bombardment and destruction;
15 therefore,

16 *Resolved*, That the Senate and House of Representa-
17 tives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General

18 Court assembled do most respectfully and earnestly urge
19 upon Congress the appropriation of liberal sums, for the
20 purpose of coast defences and for the building of a navy
21 that will command the confidence of our own people and
22 the respect of other nations.

23 *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be trans-
24 mitted to the Senators and Representatives in Congress
25 from this Commonwealth.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 14, 1887.

Adopted.

Sent up for concurrence.

EDWARD A. McLAUGHLIN,

Clerk.

SENATE, Feb. 14, 1887.

Adopted in concurrence.

E. HERBERT CLAPP,

Clerk.

