

Chap. 63. RESOLVES in favor of the establishment, by the General Government, of a National Foundry and Yard for building Steam Ships of War and Floating Steam Batteries, upon the extensive lands belonging to the United States, opposite the Navy Yard, in the harbor of Boston.

Resolved, That the very valuable and extensive landed property, belonging to the United States, opposite the Navy Yard in Boston harbor, is capable of being improved to great and permanent advantage for the public service, and should no longer be allowed to remain in its present comparatively neglected and useless condition.

National Foundry and building-yard demanded by the state of the Navy, &c.

Resolved, That the establishment by the United States of a national foundry and yard, for the building of steam ships of war and floating steam batteries upon said premises, is demanded by the state of the navy, for the additional protection of the people at the north and the east, and by the new and extraordinary improvements adopted by other nations in the construction of their military engines, and for offensive and defensive operations upon the sea and the sea-coasts.

Respecting petitions already transmitted to Congress.

Resolved, That the several petitions of our fellow-citizens already transmitted to the general government, praying for the establishment, by the United States, of the national foundry and steam-ship yard aforesaid, deserve the serious consideration of Congress, and, it is hoped, will be favorably acted upon by that body at the earliest possible period.

Delegation in Congress to urge the measure.

Resolved, That the attention of our senators and representatives in Congress be directed to the magnitude and importance of the subject of the foregoing resolves; and the said senators be instructed and said representatives be requested to give their most earnest support to the same, and use all necessary and proper means for the effective and speedy accomplishment of the naval improvements aforesaid.

Copies to be transmitted.

Resolved, That his excellency the governor be requested to transmit an attested copy of the foregoing preamble and resolves to the President of the United States, and to each of the senators and representatives in Congress from Massachusetts and the other New England States.

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RESOLVE on the Petition of Leonard Parks.

\$5 for military services in 1842.

Resolved, for reasons set forth in the petition, that the treasurer of the town of Cambridge is hereby authorized to pay to Leonard Parks the sum of five dollars for military services, performed in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, as drum-major in the first regiment, third brigade, second division of Massachusetts volunteer militia, upon his establishing his claim to the same in the same manner as if his return had been made within the time specified by law; and the amount so paid shall be reimbursed to said town, as provided by law. [*Approved by the Governor, March 24, 1843.*]