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North Point Monument
Committee,

Dec 1897.

Wm M. Marone Chairman
Eduin Warfield
A Leo Knott.
John M. Dabney
J. B. Hough
J. E. Carr Jr
Albert K. Hadelmd Secretary

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At the December meeting of the Society ^{Ex Com} was 1872.
Jas E. Coon Jr Vice President in the chair. Mr A. K. Hadel
the Registrar offered the following Resolution.

"Resolved that the chair appoint a committee to be known
as the North Point monument Committee whose duty it
shall be to obtain from the General assembly an
appropriation to build a monument upon the battle
field of North Point. the chair appointed
Mr M. Marini, Edwin Warfield A. Sed Knott
John M. Delaney & John E. Hough.

Meeting of Committee,

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The Ex Committee at the Feb'y meeting J. E. Carr in the Chair
adopted a Resolution giving the Chairman of the M. P. Monument
Committee to enlarge the Committee, to seven members.

Meeting of Committee Chairman Mannie approved J. E. Carr
and Dr. Hadel members of the Monument Committee,
and Dr. Hadel was made Secretary.
A manifesto to the Assembly was submitted by Mr.
Mannie, and Mr. Carr was requested to draw up an
ordinance for the action of the Ways Means Com.
which was referred to the printer.
Present Mr. Mannie Col. J. E. Hough, Jas. E. Carr Jr &
Dr. Hadel

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Feb 11th 98

Meeting of Committee, Committee met at Mr. Mason's office. Mr. Carr submitted printed manifests and 3 typewritten copies of bill for assembly which were turned over to the Secy, with instructions to transmit to assembly. Meeting adjourned subject to call of Chairman.

Present: Maurice Carr & Hadel

Dr. Hadel sent copies of manifests to daily papers and to members of assembly and to Hon. J. Peck of the house to present the same and to Speaker J. W. Randall for the Senate.

Friday Feb 25th 98

Having been notified by the Ways & Means Committee of the house that they would hear the Committee they were notified to come on Friday morning. Maurice Knott and Hadel took the 8:30 train for Worcester and at 10:30 appeared before the Committee. Mr. Maime making the opening address, followed by Mr. Knott and closing by Dr. Hadel, every thing appeared favorable to the ^{passage of the} appropriation.

1904

Wm M Marine Ch.
A Leo Knott,
Jos E Carr,
John M Dulaney
Dr N L Dashiell

Dr A Hadel.

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Act. to appropriate
a sum of money
to erect Monument
at North Point

Submitted to Legislature

of Maryland at
Session of 1898.

Committee.

Hon Wm M Marine Chairman
Hon A Leo Knott
Edwin Warfield Esq
Col John E Hough,
John M Dulaney
J E Carr Jr Esq
Albert Hadel and Secretary

1900.

Hadel, A H, Chairman
Carr J E,
Elliot H J
Dulaney J M,
Iglehart J D
Knott A L
Branch. Secy Rev

Com of 1904

Marine W M Chairman
Knott. A L,
Dulaney J M,
Carr J E,
Bernard Alfred
Dashiell N L MD
Hadel, A H MD.

AN ACT to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of assisting the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland in erecting a monument upon the North Point Battle Ground in commemoration of the Battle of North Point in the War of 1812, and to perpetuate the memory of the citizen soldiers who thereon defended the soil of their country, ~~(and to vest the title of a certain portion of the North Point Battle Ground ceded to the State of Maryland, in the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland.~~

WHEREAS, Through the patriotism and valor of the citizen soldiers of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland, who with undaunted zeal and heroism defended the soil of their State on the 12th of September 1814, at the Battle of North Point from incursion of the British forces, the enemy was driven from our soil; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland should forever perpetuate the memories of the battle of North Point, and the heroic deed done and many lives lost upon that field in defence of the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, On the 11th day of September, 1839, Jacob Houck, a patriotic citizen of Baltimore County, ceded to the State of Maryland, by a bond of conveyance, duly executed and delivered, ~~for the purpose of erecting a monument thereon, one acre of land, more or less, constituting part of the North Point Battle Ground; and~~

Whereas, The said acre of ground, constituting part of the North Point Battle Ground, was duly laid off and properly marked with stones, which are still in place; and on the 12th day of September, 1839, citizens of the State of Maryland gathered upon the battle field of North Point and in the presence of the Governor of the State of Maryland, the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, the Judges of the Court of Appeals and of the Circuit Courts of the State, and a large company of

surviving soldiers of the Revolution and of the War of 1812, did lay in and upon said acre of ground the corner stone of a monument to be reared thereon to commemorate the Battle of North Point, and to perpetuate the memories of the glorious victory obtained over the British, and there pledged both State and City to the completion of such monument; and

WHEREAS, The erection of such monument upon the land so ceded to the State of Jacob Houck, would be a long deferred recognition of, perhaps, the most decisive battle in the War of 1812, and a fulfillment of the promises made by our fathers;—

THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) be and the same is hereby appropriated, not otherwise appropriated, to aid in the erection of a suitable monument upon the North Point Battle Ground to commemorate the battle of North Point in the war between the United States and Great Britain known as the War of 1812, and to perpetuate the memories of the Citizen soldiers of the State of Maryland and the City of Baltimore, participating in that Battle.

Sec. 2. AND BE IT ENACTED, that the State of Maryland ~~cede~~ to and vest in, and does hereby ~~cede~~ to and vest in the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, a body corporate duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, all right, title and interest which the State of Maryland may have or can have in and to the acre of ground, part of the North Point Battle Ground, which by bond of conveyance, duly executed and delivered on the 11th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, by Jacob Houck Esq., to the State of Maryland, and ~~which is~~ ^{and} of record among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber T. K. No 292, folio 246 &c,

Sec. 2. AND BE IT ENACTED, that the Comptroller be and he

is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for the said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) appropriate by this Act, the said sum to be paid to a Committee to be known as The North Point Battle Ground Monument Committee, ^C ~~to consist of three members~~ to be selected by the Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, ~~and~~ the Comptroller of the State of Maryland and the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore, to be used by said Committee in constructing and erecting said monument and the preparation and arrangement of the said acre of ground to receive the same.

Sec. ~~3~~³. AND BE IT ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF
MARYLAND.

Your Memorialists are a Committee appointed by the Maryland Society of the War of 1812 to appear before the General Assembly of this State and submit the facts set forth in this Memorial, and ask of your Honorable Body an appropriation to erect a Monument on the battle-field at North Point, where the citizen soldiers of Baltimore on the 12th of September, 1814, crippled the British forces and rendered it impossible, for them to take the City by assault and make it their winter headquarters, as their plans proposed, and the basis of their future military operations.

Inviting your favorable action to such a laudable purpose as the one contemplated, these memorialists submit the following statement:

The War of 1812 left its visible touch on the territory of Maryland adjacent to its bay and rivers. For two years a British Fleet blockaded Baltimore while the sailors from on shipboard plundered the people on the shore of the bay coast, taking of their substance and subjecting them to cruel visitations.

Towns were burned, hamlets scourged and the country subjected to raids. Annapolis was threatened and an attempt made to capture Baltimore; had it succeeded the British troops would have passed the winter of 1814 within its environments, and martial law would have governed its subjugated citizens.

The military spirit of the people of Baltimore manifested itself in patriotic fervor. The able bodied population rushed to arms leaving only those unable to do military service outside of the ranks. Entrenchments were thrown up and manned with guns and behind them stood brave defenders. From a mart of trade the City was transformed into a camp. The Major General Commanding was a citizen of Baltimore; the troops were principally Baltimoreans, commanded and officered by citizens of the town. On the 11th day of September the ships of the enemy, fifty in number, appeared off North Point and landed a force of six thousand troops under the capable Major General, Robert Ross, who took up his line of march for Baltimore.

General Stricker, with the Baltimore Brigade, three thousand one hundred and eighty-five men, marched to oppose them. He encamped on what proved to be the battle field on the morning of the 12th of September, 1814, and sent forward a small force under Major Heath to ascertain the movements of the enemy. In a collision with the British General Ross was killed; Col. Brooke assumed command and advanced on the main body of the Americans, who received him coolly and an engagement lasting an hour and a half resulted. Opposed to the entire British force was about fourteen hundred of the Americans. General Stricker withdrew from the field to prevent the turning of his left flank and encamped a mile away.

There was no pursuit by the British who halted on the battle field and spent the night with the wounded and the dead. The following day Stricker moved near to the entrenchments outside of the city and Brooks followed to within a mile of them, when finding he could not take them in the darkness of the night, he withdrew to his ships. The constant rain and muddy condition of the roads forbidding successful pursuit. The number of reported killed was sixty-seven and the wounded three hundred and sixty-eight. This estimate includes both sides by official accounts, but the number of the enemies dead was greater than admitted by them.

The British virtually withdrew from the Chesapeake after the battle, and that line of waterway was exempt from further British incursions; so that the Eastern and Western shores were sharers in the beneficial results flowing from the Battle of North Point.

That engagement forms the proudest achievement of our volunteer soldiers in a foreign war of which Maryland was the theatre of action.

The memory of it should forever be perpetuated. So thought our fathers, and on the 12th of September 1839, they gathered on the battle field to lay the corner stone of a monument to remind the future of the valorous past. The Mayor of the City, the City Council, the Governor of the State; the Judges of Courts and the Court of Appeals, the surviving soldiers of the Revolution and of the Battle of North Point were there to enter into a promise to erect a monument on that historic ground, and bind both city and State to its fulfillment. It remains to be done and your memorialists are here to ask that the State redeem its pledge.

On the 11th of September, 1839, Jacob Houck conveyed to the State of Maryland, by Bond of Conveyance "for the purpose of erecting a monument thereon" one acre of ground more or less "constituting a part of the North Point Battle Ground".

The lot is marked with stones which stand as erect now as when set in position, and the corner stone remains in place, having suffered from vandals who have carried away the base and the articles deposited in it.

The Maryland Society of the War of 1812, whom your Memorialists represent, is a regularly incorporated body under the Law of this State, composed of soldiers and descendants of soldiers of the War of 1812, whose object and purpose it is to perpetuate the memories of the soldiers of the War of 1812, on land and sea, who defended the soil of their country.

The General Assembly of Maryland is asked to pass a law authorizing to be vested in said Society a title to the land in question to be held by said Society for the purpose of erecting thereon a monument as set forth, and further to appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars to assist in the erection of the Monument and the purchase of additional acres of ground to surround it and to mark the positions occupied by the two armies, and for such other power as may be necessary to be conferred upon the said Society to carry out the patriotic object contemplated.

WILLIAM M. MARINE, CHAIRMAN,
EDWIN M. WARFIELD,
A. LEO KNOTT,
JOHN M. DULANY,
JOHN E. HOUGH,
JAMES E. CARR, JR.



House of Delegates

ANNAPOLIS, Feb. 11th 1904

Albert Kimberly Hadel M. D.

Dear Sir

I think

it advisable for you or some friends of the Monument-Bill now before the Committee on Ways and Means to call down and come before the Committee as early as you can, in order to impress them of the worthiness of the cause. If you will inform me when it is convenient for you to come, I will arrange with the Chairman for a hearing

Respectfully yours

John Green



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND.

Feby. 18th, 1904.

Dr. Albert K. Hadel, President,
Society of the War of 1812, in Maryland,
209 West Madison St., Baltimore, Md.

My dear Compatriot:

Yours of the 16th instant received and noted. As you well know, this is going to be a serious year financially, and the feeling here is that the Legislature will be very economical, in every sense of the word, and that it will not be likely to make any appropriations for patriotic monuments.

I heard a Member say to-day that when the bill to erect a monument to Governor Pratt came up in the House of Delegates, he moved to table it, because he considered that this is no time to erect monuments of any sort. I really believe that you will have difficulty in getting the bill through. If things go along well, we can try to get matters in shape for 1906 and see what can be done then.

Very truly yours,