Navy Department, Washington, January 19, 1866

Sir,

Transmitted herewith is a letter from the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery covering one from Surgeon B. F. Barke, Director of the Naval Laboratory, relative to the necessity for the erection of a new building for its accommodation. The Chief of the Bureau in his Annual Report recommended an appropriation for this purpose of $80,000, and the reasons then stated with the additional ones herewith presented, will give you all the information upon this subject in possession of the Department.

Very respectfully,

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Hon. A. H. Rice,
Chairman Nav. Com.

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Secretary of the Navy.
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