

Navy Department.

Washington, 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 1866

Sir:-

In the Naval Appropriation Bill as now before the Senate, it is noticed that there is no appropriation for continuing the work upon the new Machine and Boiler Shop at the New York Navy yard. The foundation has already been laid, and it is important that the work should be completed. I respectfully recommend an appropriation of \$100,000.

Very Respectfully,

Gideon Welles

Secy of the Navy.

Hon. W. G. Sumner,

Chairman Senate Naval Com.

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Gideon Welles  
Secy of Navy