

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

earning annual revenues sufficient to pay its ordinary current expenses is wholly impracticable, and that a sale or lease of said work is sooner or later inevitable; and

Preamble WHEREAS, it is desirable that some steps shall be taken by this general assembly whereby provision can be made if possible for a just and equitable settlement of the claims of the said preferred and repair bondholders under said acts of eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter 281, and eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, chapter fifty-eight, respectively, at the same time for some return to this State for their heavy investments in said canal so as to save the same from total loss; and

Preamble WHEREAS, it is well known that for several months past the board of public works have been prepared to receive and consider proposals from any responsible bidders for the leasing of said canal, and his excellency, the governor in his recent message to this general assembly strongly recommends that such lease shall be made; and

Preamble. WHEREAS, legislation will be necessary to authorize and make valid any such disposition of said canal and its works, and until it is known whether any person or corporation can be found with the necessary capital to enter into such lease, and to carry out the proper covenants and terms thereof, such legislation must be conjectural and inadequate, and may be wholly ineffectual; therefore,

Advertisement for proposals. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in order to enable such necessary and proper legislation to be prepared and enacted by this general assembly; the board of public works be, and they are hereby directed to advertise in such public newspapers of large and general circulation as they deem proper, for not less than twelve days for sealed proposals to lease said Chesapeake and Ohio canal, and all its property of every description, lands, water-rights and franchises; the bids to be opened by said board of public works at twelve o'clock, noon, on Tuesday the fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and ninety, and to be reported without delay to this general assembly for such action thereon as shall be deemed expedient.

 No. 2.

Joint resolution authorizing the attorney-general to intervene in pending suit to protect the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio canal.

WHEREAS, the proceedings now pending in the circuit court for Washington county and in the supreme court of the District of Columbia, for the appointment of a receiver of the Ches-