

the wider portions of these creeks are in Virginia. Such enjoyment continued uninterruptedly until a short time ago, when crabs began to get scarce and consequently of greater monetary value. Then residents of a nearby island in Virginia appealed to their fishery force to maintain strict patrol over the boundary referred to, and thus prevent the residents of Smith's Island from pursuing the peaceful avocation which they and their forbears had enjoyed since the Island was first settled, thus depriving them of the right to take crabs within the waters encompassed by the headlands of said Island, which seriously interferes with their ability to make a livelihood for their families, as they have no agricultural resources, but depend entirely on water products for subsistence. Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the State of Maryland by its Governor shall commission the Conservation Commissioner of Maryland, and the State of Virginia, through its Legislature ask for a similar resolution authorizing the appointment of the Commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia, to represent their respective States in negotiations to establish the common right of crab fisheries within the waters of Tyler's and Shank's Creeks, which are tributaries of Tangier Sound, for the purpose of permitting the citizens of either State to enjoy the right of free fishing for crabs within these waters, whether the same be within the boundary line of either State.

*Be it resolved further,* That the Governor of Maryland shall cause a copy of this Joint Resolution, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland, to be sent to the Governor of the State of Virginia.

Approved April 5, 1927.

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NO. 21.

A Joint Resolution for the purpose of expressing to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, a body corporate, the sentiments of the people of the State of Maryland upon its one hundredth anniversary.