

Mr. Earle, pursuant to his appointment and the authority conferred upon him, attended the conference and has submitted to the undersigned a very full and complete report of the proceedings of that meeting, a copy of which report is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A," and prayed to be taken and printed as a part of the report of this commission.

This commission in submitting this report respectfully recommends to the General Assembly of Maryland the enactment into law the suggestions and recommendations contained in the resolutions passed at the first meeting of the two joint commissions, and with reference to protection of fish and the recommendation contained in the report of Mr. Swepson Earle, with reference to the protection of crabs, which were agreed to at the third meeting of the two joint commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

CARVILLE D. BENSON,
Chairman on the part of Maryland.

EXHIBIT "A."

MARINE BANK BUILDING,

BALTIMORE, MD., January 25, 1916.

HON. CARVILLE D. BENSON,

*Chairman Maryland Committee to confer with Virginia,
Baltimore, Maryland.*

DEAR SIR:

In compliance with your verbal request of January 15, and your written authority and instructions of January 17th inst., to meet the Virginia Committee at Richmond on concurrent legislation for the protection of fish and crabs in Chesapeake Bay, I herewith submit the following report:

I left Baltimore on the morning of January 18 for Richmond. In Washington was joined by Dr. Robert Coker, of United States Bureau of Fisheries, who was invited by the Virginia committee to the conference. Upon our arrival in Richmond we were met by Hon. Harry R. Houston, chairman of the old committee, now Speaker of the House of Delegates of Virginia.

A short conference was held in the afternoon in the office of Mr. Houston, Hon. John M. Parsons, Commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia, being present. The crab situation was discussed informally. Mr. Houston said it was necessary to name a new committee since he was chosen Speaker of the House. This committee consists of the following members: