in receipt of dividends of ten per cent. per annum on the par value of said stock, amounting to fifty-five thousand dollars in each of said years; and,

WHEREAS, The said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company have failed to pay to the State of Maryland any dividends on the said stock since the semi-annual dividend due in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven; therefore, be it

act.

Resolved, By the General Assembly of Maryland that the General authorized to Attorney-General of Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to take such proceedings as shall be adequate and proper for the fullest assertion and protection of all the rights of the State of Maryland in respect to its ownerships in the stock of the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, whether by way of dividends or otherwise.

No. 15.

Joint Resolution authorizing and directing the Board of Public Works to take such steps as they, after consultation with the Attorney-General, shall deem necessary to enforce the decree passed by the Circuit Court for Washington County, in equity, affirmed on appeal by the Court of Appeals for the sale of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as, after consultation with the To enforce the Attorney-General, they shall deem necessary to enforce the decree of the Circuit Court for Washington County, in equity, affirmed by the Court of Appeals in the case of the State of Maryland vs. George S. Bram and others, trustees, reported in 73 Volume of Maryland Reports, pp. 484-516, and again affirmed upon a subsequent appeal in the case of the State of Maryland vs. John K. Cowen and others, trustees, reported in 83 Volume of Maryland Reports, pp. 549-646, directing a sale as in said decree provided of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and to resist, in the name of the State, the passage of any order or decree extending the time for the execution of said decree by sale of said canal beyond the term already prescribed by the order of the Circuit Court for Washington County, in equity, to wit: Six years from the first day of May, 1895, and to this end to instruct the Attorney-General to appear on behalf of the State in said cause, and to assert of the right of the State to enforce the execution of said decree as soon after the first day of May, 1901, as shall be reasonable practicable.