

WHEREAS, It is uncertain whether adequate provision will be made by the present Congress, for the effective prosecution of the work by the General Government; and

WHEREAS, A delay in providing access to our port for ships of the largest class retards the fruition of the great advantages which our valuable railroad connections were designed to secure, and are ready to accomplish for us; and

WHEREAS, For these reasons, it may become expedient for the City of Baltimore, before the meeting of another Legislature, in pursuance of a wise and judicious policy in fostering public works, which has already placed her in the front rank of commercial cities, to adopt means for the early attainment of this important object; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Senators and Delegates of the City of Baltimore, in the Maryland Legislature, be requested to obtain the passage of an Act, authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide by ordinance for the execution of the work of widening and deepening the ship channel of the Patapsco River, from the mouth of said river to the City of Baltimore, and to issue its bonds for that purpose, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand (\$500,000) dollars.

Which was read and referred to the Senators from Baltimore City.

Also, the following communication from the Baltimore Corn and Flour Exchange:

THE BALTIMORE CORN AND FLOUR EXCHANGE,  
*Baltimore, March 11, 1872.*

*Hon. Henry Snyder, Senator, &c.,*

DEAR SIR—Please oblige us by presenting the enclosed communication to the proper committee, in order that they may present, if they approve of it, a bill in proper form, embodying the provisions desired to be acted upon by the present Legislature.

Respectfully,

WM. S. YOUNG,  
President.

BALTIMORE, *March 11, 1872.*

*To the Members of the Senate and*

*House of Delegates of the State of Maryland:*

The members of the Baltimore Corn and Flour Exchange, through their Board of Directors, beg to present to your consideration the subjoined resolution, prefaced by a few remarks, which they hope may be pertinent to the occasion.

There is evidently now a tide in the business and commerce of this city which, if taken at its flood, must make