

FIRST. *Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Eastern Shore Rail Road company at its earliest convenience, be and it is hereby directed to inform the Board of Public Works of this State, by what authority the said trustees are acting in the premises, and also to furnish to said board, copies of such proceedings of the said bondholders of the aforesaid company, as relate to the management and operation of the said railroad; and also to inform the said board by whom the said board is operated, and by whom its corporate franchises are used and employed, in order that the said board may submit the same, together with a copy of the said mortgages to the State, to the Attorney General for his opinion in writing as to the proper means to be adopted to secure the interest of the State, without prejudice to the rights of the said bondholders.

Directed to inform

SECOND. *And be it resolved,* That the Attorney General be and he is hereby directed to institute such proceedings, as the Board of Public Works may, in the exercise of their constitutional supervision over the Public Works in this State, in which the State is stockholder or creditor, authorize or direct to be instituted, to protect the interests of the State as preferred stockholder of the Eastern Shore Rail Road Company.

Directed to institute proceedings.

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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

In relation to Fenian prisoners.

WHEREAS, there is a deep sympathy felt upon the part of a large number of the adopted citizens of this country, residing in Maryland, and of Irish nationality, which is shared by those who are citizens by birth, in the continued imprisonment, attended by rigorous, and it is said cruel treatment of numbers of State prisoners, convicted of being engaged in a

Preamble.