restoration of Samuel Chase Barney, ex-Lieutenant of the United States Navy, to the "Retired List" of said navy.

## No. 8.

Exercise discretion.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Delegates, That the whole subject of the relations existing between the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad Company and the State be referred to the Attorney General, and that he be instructed to take such action in the premises as he, in the exercise of his discretion, may deem best calculated to promote the interests of the State.

## No. 9.

Authorizing judicial proceedings to give effect to the electoral vote of Maryland.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Attorney-General of the State be and he is hereby instructed, in case Congress shall provide for expediting the action, to exhibit a bill in the Supreme Court of the United States, on behalf of the State of Maryland, with proper parties thereto, setting forth the fact that due effect has not been given to the electoral vote cast by this State on the 6th day of December, 1876, by reason of fraudulent returns made from other States and allowed to be counted provisionally, by the Electoral Commission, and subject to judicial revision; and praying said court to make the revision contemplated by the act establishing said commission; and upon such revision to declare the returns from the States of Louisiana and Florida, which were counted for Rutherford B. Hayes and William A. Wheeler, fraudulent and void, and that the legal electoral

Exhibit bill.