

votes of said States were cast for Samuel J. Tilden, as President, and Thomas A. Hendricks, as Vice-President, and that by virtue thereof; and of 184 votes cast by other States, of which eight were cast by the State of Maryland, the said Tilden and Hendricks were duly elected, and praying said court to decree accordingly.

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No. 10.

Whereas the States of Maryland and Delaware heretofore chartered the Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal Company for the purpose of constructing a ship canal across the peninsula of Maryland and Delaware, connecting the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays and opening a direct route to sea for vessels trading at the ports of Baltimore and the upper part of the Chesapeake Bay, thereby shortening the distance from Baltimore to European ports and New York and New England seaboard cities two hundred and twenty-five miles, and avoiding the dangerous and tedious route doubling Cape Charles, and by said charter said company is authorized to charge a rate of toll not exceeding twenty cents per ton;

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And whereas this General Assembly approves the wisdom and foresight of the said General Assemblies of Maryland and Delaware which granted said charter, and deem the speedy construction and opening of said canal of paramount importance to the growing commerce of Balti-

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