

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Conflicts frequently occur between the citizens of Maryland and Virginia engaged in and exercising the rights of fishery in the waters of the Potomac and Pocomoke, which are damaging alike to the interest of both States, and tending to impair the friendly relations and good feeling which exist between these neighboring commonwealths; and

Whereas, Citizens of Maryland have been recently deprived by the authorities of the State of Virginia, from their ancient rights of oystering in the waters of the Pocomoke, which lie within the limits of Virginia, whilst Maryland has conceded to the citizens of Virginia equal rights with her own citizens in the waters of the Potomac; and

Whereas, A cause of embarrassment in the enforcement of the laws of the two States in relation to oystering in both of these waters, is found in the want of harmony of action between the authorities, and between the laws of Maryland and Virginia; and

Whereas, No successful effort has been made on the part of Maryland to secure for her citizens their former rights of fishing and oystering in the waters of the Pocomoke; and

Whereas, The General Assembly of Maryland, in session assembled in the city of Annapolis, did, on the day of January, 1892, appoint the following gentlemen: Hon. Levin S. Waters, Hon. Thomas G. Hayes and Honorable Washington Wilkinson, on the part of the Senate, and Hon. Conway W. Sams, Hon. Robt. C. Combs, Hon. Jas. E. Ellegood, Hon. Alonzo S. Miles and Hon. Noah C. Sterling, on the part of the House of Delegates, to visit the Legislature of Virginia to confer with it in relation to proper legislation for the Potomac River and the Pocomoke River or Sound; therefore,

Be it Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, That the joint committee aforesaid be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, on behalf of the State of Maryland, to make known to the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, at such time and in such manner as may be agreeable to the said General Assembly of Virginia,