

No. 17.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, at the January session, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, chapter thirty-six, passed an act concerning the taking and catching of oysters in the Potomac river; and chapter four hundred and forty-five of the acts passed at January session, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to protect oysters in the waters of Pocomoke Sound, in Somerset county;" and whereas the act requires the assent of the General Assembly of the State of Virginia, under the compact between the States of Maryland and Virginia, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-five, that the same may become effective; therefore

Preamble.

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That five members of this General Assembly, two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, be appointed by the presiding officer of each body respectively, who shall, as soon as practicable, confer with the General Assembly of Virginia touching the matter enacted in said act of eighteen hundred and eighty, and request their assent thereto at their present session, if the said committee shall deem the said laws hereinbefore referred to to be the best for the oyster interest in this State, and to confer with the said Legislature upon any other law which they may deem it necessary to pass for the protection of oysters in the waters already mentioned, and report the result of the conference to this General Assembly.

Committee appointed to confer.

Resolved, second, That if the said act shall be assented to by the State of Virginia, and a similar act be passed by their General Assembly, that the Governor of each State, respectively, be requested to secure the necessary legislation by the Congress of the United States, as required by the Constitution of the United States, to make the said act valid and effective.

Secure necessary legislation.