

commissioners, and especially to Dr. W. K. Brooks, of Johns Hopkins University, for their valuable report. In our opinion the said report embodies the ablest and most comprehensive discussion of all subjects connected with the oyster and its propagation that has yet appeared anywhere, as well as a true statement from actual observation of the condition of the oyster-beds of Maryland and the remedy therefor.

Thanks tendered.

Commissioners discharged.

2. *Be it resolved*, That the said commissioners be discharged from further consideration of the subject committed to them.

No. 5.

Joint resolutions in relation to Mason and Dixon's line.

WHEREAS the citizens on the Mason and Dixon's line, in Garrett, Allegany and Washington counties, State of Maryland, are at a loss to know where the famous Mason and Dixon's line is located, and are seriously annoyed in ascertaining said line, because of the indefiniteness of the position of said line and the absence of any mark locating the same; therefore—

Preamble.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purpose of relocating and re-establishing the proper course of said Mason and Dixon's line, our senators and representatives in Congress are requested to use their influence in urging the necessity of an appropriation by the general government for the purpose of resurveying and locating the said Mason and Dixon's line by marking said Mason and Dixon's line with suitable stone monuments, with the letters M. and V. between the State of Maryland and Virginia, M. and P. between Maryland and Pennsylvania, M. and D. between Maryland and Delaware, commencing at Fairfax Stone, at the head waters of the north branch of the Potomac river, thence running northwardly with Mason and Dixon's line, until it intersects the eastwardly line dividing the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland; thence eastwardly with Mason and Dixon's line, until it inter-

Re-establish and locate.