

JOINS RESOLUTIONS.

No. 6.

Joint Resolution appointing a Joint Committee of the General Assembly of Maryland to meet a like committee which the General Assembly of Virginia is requested to appoint, and confer with said committee as to complaints of trespasses and irregularities alleged to be committed in the waters of Maryland by citizens of Virginia, and the remedy for such, if found to exist, and to investigate and report upon any modification or changes that may be desirable in the boundary line between the two States, and upon any joint legislation that may be necessary or proper in the Potomac River for the preservation of oysters, or to increase or preserve the supply of food and other fish in Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Preamble. WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland is informed by the message of His Excellency Governor Smith to this body, that it is alleged in various reports made to him that irregularities exist in the administration of the joint oyster law for the Potomac river; and

WHEREAS, Trespasses are also alleged to be frequently committed in the waters of Maryland by persons who are supposed to be citizens of Virginia, whereby young oysters in large quantities are taken from Maryland waters, to be planted in Virginia waters, and bad feeling is thereby engendered; and

WHEREAS, It appears to be desirable that all border troubles between the two States should be approached in a fraternal and neighborly spirit and all difficulties and sources of friction be avoided between them, by mutual concessions or compromises, as to the enjoyment or the development of our mutual rights or resources, provided the same be fair and just to both States, and the people thereof; therefore,

Committee appointed. *Be it resolved*, That a committee of eight persons, consisting of three members of the Senate, and five members of the House, be appointed to confer with a committee on the part of Virginia, whenever the same may be appointed, on said subjects, who shall have authority to sit during the session of this Assembly or after its adjournment; to employ counsel, if necessary; to send for persons and papers, and to investigate said subjects fully.

Report to be made. *And be it further resolved*, That the said committee is authorized during its investigation, or upon completion thereof, to report the progress or results thereof, together with their conclusions thereon, to the General Assembly for their action in the premises.