

steamer "Chesapeake," of the Virginia Oyster Police Force, in plain sight and hearing of the town of Crisfield, (more than a hundred of whose inhabitants are reported to have heard the sounds and seen the flash of the cannon and rifles,) engaged in a conflict with certain Maryland dredgers; the said conflict beginning within the territory of Maryland, about one mile from the boundary, and continuing until said steamer was within the said territory, at least from four to five miles; and that two of said vessels, the schooner William E. Price, belonging to Benjamin F. Marsh, and the schooner G. W. Stephenson, belonging to Edward Lowe, having run ashore on the east side of Smith's Island, in Tangier sound, were taken, with their crews and cargo, by said steamer "Chesapeake," and towed out of the State of Maryland, to Pungoteage creek, in Virginia, where they now are; and

WHEREAS, The said act was an invasion and violation of the territory of Maryland, by the officer of the State of Virginia, which cannot be passed by without notice and reparation, and is deserving of our prompt condemnation; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, It has been represented to this General Assembly that the General Assembly of Virginia desires further arrangements to be made with the State of Maryland covering cases where pursuit may be necessary into a sister State, in cases of alleged or suspected violations of law, to which arrangement this General Assembly is not adverse; provided, the State of Virginia is willing to do full and complete justice in regard to all the matters in dispute between the two States, in reference to the use of the waters along the southern boundary line of this State; therefore,

Preamble

Be it resolved, That a committee of five, consisting of two members of the Senate and three of the House, be appointed by the presiding officers of the two Houses, respectively, who shall, in conjunction with the Governor of this State, call the attention of the Governor and Legislature of Virginia to this violation of our territory, and demand immediate and appropriate redress and restitution, and which said committee shall also be authorized, if it shall see proper, to visit Richmond or any other point that may be desired for the purpose of making such additional regulations regarding the use of these waters as may be thought proper, and that a copy of this joint resolution be communicated to the Legislature of Virginia.

Committee
to demand
redress.