

be difficult and dangerous, and at inclement seasons impassible; *and whereas*, the destruction of said bridge would render the navigation of the Nanticoke at that place very hazardous by reasons of the piles which would remain, unless removed at great public expense; *and whereas* this State owns one third of the stock in the said bridge which will become wholly unavailable, and worthless, unless the repairs are kept up; *and whereas*, there is now due this State dividends already declared, and in the hands of the said bridge company, but not called for, to the amount of six hundred dollars or thereabout; *and whereas*, the said company are unable to repair said Bridge without the aid of the State, and will be enabled to do so if the State will relinquish the said dividends now declared and due, and such as may become due on or before the first day of september, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight;—Therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the dividends now due this State from the Nanticoke bridge company, be, and the same are hereby relinquished to aid in repairing the said bridge, and the said company are hereby authorized, and required to apply the same towards the repair of the said bridge.

No. 15.

Preamble and resolution relating to the Survey of the Navigable Rivers immediately above Watkins' Point, and of so much of Tangier Sound, &c. Passed Feb. 4,
1837.

WHEREAS, the rivers which enter into Tangier Sound, a short distance above Watkins' Point, are acceptable during the greater part of the winter for vessels of small draft, and large quantities of timber and produce of various kinds are carried from them; *and whereas*, during the winter months, while other great sources of supply are closed, some of the Northern and Southern cities could be supplied with the very important articles of fuel, grain and other articles, at advanced prices, to the manifest advantage to that section of the country, and to the great encouragement of the coasting tonnage, if vessels capable of withstanding