

advantage of that section of the country, and the great encouragement of trade and commerce, if it could be clearly ascertained that vessels of considerable draft could enter therein; *and whereas*, the anticipated construction of the Eastern Shore Rail Road, enhances the inducement to the ascertainment of a correct knowledge of the navigation in question, which would be further increased by the contemplated connection between the Pocomoke and Annamesic rivers; *and whereas*, the removal of obstructions, with a view to increasing the tonnage of the State, and promoting industry and enterprize, are objects of general interest and concernment:—Therefore,

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, be requested to use their best exertions, to cause to be made a survey, by the General Government, as speedily as practicable, of the rivers immediately above Watkin's point, and of so much of Pocomoke bay and Tangier sound, as has an immediate connection with the navigation of the said waters, for the purpose of ascertaining their depth, and the practicability of improvements for the benefit of commerce, and the probable cost of such improvements.

Further resolved, That his excellency the Governor, be requested to transmit the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States.

No. 73.

Preamble and Resolutions requesting our Representatives in Congress to endeavor to procure from the General Government, further aid towards the completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Passed Mar. 28,
1838.

WHEREAS, by the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, by the State of Virginia, confirmed by the Government of the United States, and the State of Pennsylvania, and Maryland, it manifestly appears from the preamble to said act that