

the ultimate object of all parties was the construction of a navigable Canal from the tide water of the Potomac river to some point on the navigable waters of the Ohio river; and whereas, the State of Maryland has appropriated to the construction of said Canal, the sum of five millions six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, exclusive of the stock held by the Potomac Company; Virginia has exclusive of her interest in the Potomac Company, appropriated the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of which she requires that not exceeding eighty thousand dollars, shall be applied exclusively for the purpose of affording to her own citizens by the construction of lift locks &c., facility of access to the canal leaving only the sum of one hundred and seventy thousand dollars, applicable to the extension of the work towards the Ohio river; no appropriation has yet been made by the State of Pennsylvania, the government of the United States has appropriated one million of dollars, but a sum believed to be not less than five hundred thousand dollars, has been expended within the limits of the District of Columbia, and it appears reasonable that the Government of the United States should either contribute from her vast resources to the prosecution and completion of the said work or transfer to the State of Maryland, her interest in the stock of the company in consideration of the large amount contributed by the State, to effect an object always deemed national in its character:—Therefore.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,
That our Senators and Representatives in Congress, be requested to endeavour to procure from the Government of the United States further aid towards the construction and completion of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or a transfer to the State of Maryland, of the interest held by the United States in the stock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.