

thoroughfare for the Southern counties of the Eastern Shore, and the citizens of that portion of the State will suffer great inconvenience and injury from its decay, and be obliged to resort to the use of a ferry boat, which at that place would always be difficult and dangerous, and at inclement seasons impassable. 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 thereabouts; 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 authorised and required to apply the same towards the repair of the said bridge,

Which was read the first time,—and,

On motion of Mr. Hicks, referred to the committee on claims.

Mr. Ford submitted the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, Ann Millard, widow of Joshua Millard, dec'd, owning land in this State, did, sometime in the year 1836, remove from the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, to St. Mary's county, with the intention of becoming a citizen of the State of Maryland, taking with her certain slaves, and was advised of the necessity of paying for the removal of said slaves, under the act of 1833, chapter 87, and accordingly did pay to the Clerk of St. Mary's county the sum of sixty-five dollars, which sum is still in the hands of said clerk, and has not been paid into the State Treasury—and whereas, the act of 1834, chapter 124, gave her, the said Ann Millard, widow of Joshua Millard, de-