

Houses, at such point or points on Hooper's or Barren island, in Dorchester county, and at Sharp's island, in Talbot county, as may be selected by the proper officers of the government of the United States; and in the event of those erections being completed, to recommend that the light vessel stationed in Hooper's Straights, be transferred to some suitable station, near the southern extremity of Tangier Island.

*Further Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution, to each of the senators and representatives of this state, in the Congress of the United States.

Which was read.

Mr. Teackle submitted the following preamble and resolutions.

Whereas, the entrances of the Rivers Nanticoke, Manokin, Annamessex, Pocomoke and Wicomico, in the collection districts of Snow-hill and Vienna, common to the navigation and commerce of more than one thousand registered and licensed vessels and affording a nursery of seamen of incalculable value, are difficult of access, by reason of narrow or meandering channels through expanded flats or shallows, in consequence whereof, the owners of vessels properly belonging to those rivers, although few in comparison to the number who resort or trade therein, have long been, and now are subject to an annual tax for staking out and designating the said channels; and considering that the regulation of commerce has been wholly ceded to the general government, and that the individual states, in their sovereign character are entirely divested of all its resulting revenues; and considering further, that the numerous sailors and watermen employed in the navigation of the said rivers, are subject to a monthly imposition, under the denomination of Hospital money, without an equivalent benefit, as very few of those sailors and watermen are ever admitted into the marine hospital. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the senators and representatives of this state, in the congress of the United States, be instructed to use their exertions to procure appropriations, and provide that the channels of the said rivers may be distinctly marked out, and made easy of ingress and egress, by the establishment and support of proper buoys, at the charge and expense of the United States.

*Further Resolved*, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to communicate a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution to each of the senators and repre-