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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

LEGISLATURE OF VIRGINIA

CONCERNING THE

CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL.

RESOLUTIONS

BY THE

STATE OF VIRGINIA.

WHEREAS, The State of Virginia has guaranteed the payment of five hundred thousand dollars of the bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, the interest on which for some years past the State has been obliged to pay, and in a few years will be obliged to pay the principal of said bonds, unless some change be effected in the present organization and management of said company: and as many of the counties of the North-eastern portion of this State have a virtual interest in the successful operation of said Canal, one of the main termini of which, is at Alexandria, the prosperity of which city is also, to a large extent, involved in the same: and the General Assembly being convinced that by proper management, and a new organization, this Canal may be made remunerative to all who have advanced their means and credit for its completion, and be rendered of great benefit to the States of Maryland and Virginia, in developing their mineral and agricultural resources, but that this desirable result can never be attained while the Canal remains in its present anomalous and embarrassed condition, and under the control of those having no substantial pecuniary interest in the work, while the interest, which may be said virtually to own the Canal, has no voice in its management: And inasmuch as it is understood that the cities of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, and many individual citizens thereof, and of Maryland, Virginia, and other States, are uniting in an appeal to the present Legislature of Maryland for its consideration in the premises: and this State, recognizing in her own interests, financial and commercial, a community with those of the cities and individuals aforesaid,

Now, therefore, Be it resolved, That this General Assembly respectfully invite the attention of the Legislature of Maryland, to the present condition of the Canal, in the hope that

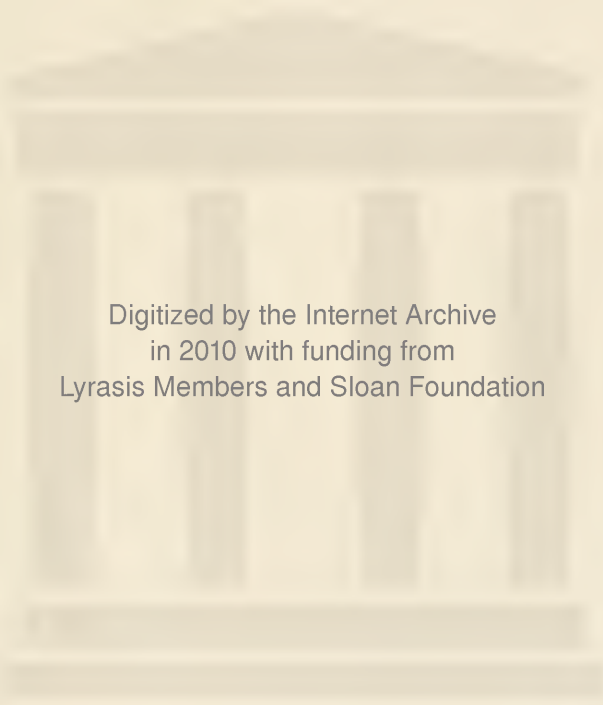
the latter will adopt some friendly legislation for the purpose of relieving said Canal from its present position of embarrassment and insolvency, and of making it, what it is fully capable of being made, a useful and successful work of public improvement.

Resolved, That the Attorney General of this State be hereby empowered and requested to proceed to Annapolis, if in his opinion, he should deem it necessary, to represent the interest of this commonwealth in this great work; and to endeavor to procure, by his own exertions, and by co-operation with the other parties interested, friendly and considerate legislation from the State of Maryland.

Resolved, That the Governor of this State be requested to forward a copy of these Resolutions to the Governor of the State of Maryland, with a request to lay them before the Legislature of his State.

Passed both Houses of the General Assembly, January 26th, 1860.

WM. F. GORDON, JR.,
Clerk of House of Delegates,
and K. of R. of Virginia.



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