

*Therefore be it Resolved* by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland:

SECTION 1. That the said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America be, and the same is, hereby ratified by the Legislature of the State of Maryland.

SEC. 2. That certified copies of this preamble and joint resolution be forwarded by the Governor of this State to the Secretary of State at Washington, to the presiding officer of the United States Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Approved March 12th, 1918.

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NO. 2.

Joint Resolution and Memorial of the General Assembly of Maryland of the State of Maryland to the Representatives of the State of Maryland in the United States Senate and in the House of Representatives of the United States, requesting that each of them endeavor to have the United States Government acquire, maintain and operate during the period of the present war, or longer, the line of Railroad commonly called and known as the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad, now or formerly belonging to the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad Company, and extending from Brandywine in Prince George's County, to Mechanicsville, in St. Mary's County, in the State of Maryland.

WHEREAS, the line of the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railroad Company, extending from Brandywine in Prince George's County, Maryland, traverses portions of said Counties, and also portions of Charles County, in said State, which are susceptible of great agricultural production; and which are entirely without Railroad facilities other than such as have been heretofore furnished by said Railroad Company; and:

WHEREAS, by a decree of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, the said Railroad Company has been dissolved, and has recently ceased to operate or exercise its franchises as a common carrier, and: