

rate higher than they would otherwise do,—and it being proper, under such circumstances, that a decided expression of the sense of the Legislature, with respect to said charter, should not be withheld,

1st. Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Bank of Maryland has forfeited its charter forever; that the said insolvent corporation is hereby pronounced to be dissolved; and that the act, entitled, “an act to establish a Bank in Baltimore Town,” incorporating “the President and Directors of the Bank of Maryland,” and every act supplementary thereto, are hereby declared to be null and void; Provided always, that nothing contained herein, shall be construed to deprive the trustees aforesaid, or such persons as the Chancellor of Maryland may appoint to be their successors in said trust, of power and authority to settle and wind up, under the supervision and direction of the Chancellor, the concerns of said insolvent institution.

2d. And be it resolved, That it shall be, and it is hereby declared and made to be, upon the application of any of the creditors of said bank, the duty of the Chancellor to compel the said trustees to call, by public advertisement, a general meeting of the creditors of said institution, to take place in the city of Baltimore, within forty days after the date of such first application: which general meeting may, by the vote of a majority assembled, adjourn from day to day; and the Chancellor shall also require of said trustees, that at such general meeting, they shall render a full account of their doings under the said trust, to that time; and that they shall exhibit to the creditors so assembled, all the books and papers of said institution, which the said creditors, or a majority of them, may call for, together with an accurate statement of all sums and values collected or received by said trustees, or either of them, as well as of the sums by them disbursed, and showing for what purposes disbursed.

3d. And be it resolved, That if, in order to enforce the declaration and provisions contained in the first one of these resolutions, it should at any time become necessary to have recourse to proceedings at law or in equity, the Governor is hereby instructed to order the same, and to employ competent counsel to assist the Attorney General in the instituting and prosecuting thereof.

Which was read the first time, and

On motion of Mr. Ely, said resolutions were read the second time by a special order.

Mr. Bowie moved to refer said resolutions to the committee on grievances and courts of justice;

Mr. Williams moved to amend the motion by adding, “with instructions to enquire and report whether the Susquehanna Bridge and Bank Company has not likewise violated its obligations and forfeited its charter,”

Resolved in the affirmative;

The said motion was then adopted as amended.