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shall be returned in manner aforesaid, to the clerk's office aforesaid, and in case of neglect or refusal of the said persons, or their heirs, executors or administrators, to pay and satisfy the respective sums of money by them to be paid and satisfied, at the time limited for payment of the same, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioners in their own name, as a body politic, for the use of the persons to whom the same is to be paid, to sue for and recover the same, by action or actions, in which it shall be sufficient to declare for so much money had and received by the defendant or defendants, and this act shall be sufficient evidence in a court of law to enforce the payment of the same.

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An ACT for making the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Washington, Clement Hollyday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eagar Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert Young Stokes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, Aquila Hall, John Churchman, Daniel Durbin, James White Hall, Francis Holland, Gabriel Christie, Ridley and Pringle, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, John Davidson, Wallace, Johnson and Muir, Josias Carvil Hall, Richard Potts, Daniel Hughes, Jeremiah Townley Chase, John Rogers, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, James Murray, Otho Holland Williams, and Henry Lee, junior, actuated by very laudable motives, have undertaken to render the river Susquehanna navigable from the line of this state to tide water, and have subscribed the sum of eighteen thousand five hundred pounds current money of Maryland, and obliged themselves to raise by subscription the further sum of one thousand five hundred pounds current money aforesaid, to be applied to that purpose; and this general assembly being strongly impressed with the general utility of the said undertaking, and the beneficial consequences that will be derived from the accomplishment thereof to the inhabitants of this state, by extending the trade thereof; and being willing to give the said undertakers every proper encouragement and support;

Persons in-  
corporated,  
&c.

II. Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That the said Samuel Hughes, William Augustine Washington, Clement Hollyday, Nathaniel Ramsey, William Smith, William Goodwin, Samuel Smith, Archibald M'Calister, Robert Ballard, Thomas Russell, Daniel Bowley, William Neill, Charles Ridgely, John Eagar Howard, Samuel and Robert Purviance, George Leggett, Robert Young Stokes, Benedict Edward Hall, William Smith, Aquila Hall, John Churchman, Daniel Durbin, James White Hall, Francis Holland, Gabriel Christie, Ridley and Pringle, Thomas Peters, Richard Ridgely, John Davidson, Wallace, Johnson and Muir, Josias Carvil Hall, Richard Potts, Daniel Hughes, Jeremiah Townley Chase, John Rogers, Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, Edward Lloyd, James Murray, Otho Holland Williams, and Henry Lee, junior, be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic, for the purposes herein after declared; and the said body politic shall be known and distinguished by the appellation of "The Proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal;" and the said incorporate body shall be able and capable to sue and be sued, in and by the name of "The Proprietors of the Susquehanna Canal;" and shall have full and ample power and authority to do, perform and execute, all and every matter and thing which any corporation may, or rightfully can do, and shall have succession for ever, and to that end, and for perpetuating the said incorporate body, the heirs, devisees, legal representatives, and the assignees of the individual members thereof, *ad infinitum*, shall be and are hereby declared to be members.

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vernor, &c.

III. Be it enacted, That the said corporation shall meet on the third Tuesday in February, in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, at Havre-de-Grace, and when and as often thereafter as the said corporation