tion may adjudge convenient and necessary; and the said corporation, on a majority of them, when they first assemble, shall elect out of the members of the said corporation, a governor and three directors, a treasurer and secretary, for the year. CHAP. XXIII.

IV. **Be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, on a majority of them, to cut and take out a canal at Love-island, and continue the same to tide water in Susquehanna river, and make the said canal not less than thirty feet wide, and three feet deep, with a sufficient number of locks, large enough to admit of a passage for boats of eighty feet keel, and twelve feet beam, and that the said canal, when completed, shall be kept in good repair by the said corporation, for the use of the public. May cut a canal, &c.

V. **Be it enacted,** That the said corporation shall expend the sum of twenty thousand pounds current money of Maryland, in cutting, making and completing, the said canal, with a sufficient number of locks, in manner aforesaid, and that the said sum shall be divided into twenty shares, and raised by subscription, but no person shall be allowed to subscribe more than one share, nor less than one fifth of a share. To expend money, &c.

VI. **And,** whereas it is necessary for the making the said canal, and erecting grist-mills and other water works thereon, that a provision should be made for condemning a quantity of land, not exceeding two hundred acres, **Be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation, or a majority of them, to agree with the owners of the lands through which the said canal may pass, and the owners of the lands adjoining thereto, for the purchase thereof; and in case it should so happen, that the corporation and owners of the said lands, or any of them, could not agree on the value of the same, that then it shall be lawful for the said corporation to apply to any two of the justices of the peace for the county of Cæcil, to cause the sheriff of said county to summon a jury of twelve honest and lawful men of his county, to meet on the land to be valued; and the said justices are hereby empowered and required, on such application being made to them as aforesaid, to issue their warrant, under their hands and seals, directed to the sheriff of their county, requiring and commanding him to summon twelve honest and lawful men of his bailiwick, who shall stand indifferent between the said parties, to meet on the land to be valued, describing the same in their warrant; and the said sheriff, upon receiving the said warrant, shall immediately comply therewith; and the jury, when met together on the land, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to be administered by the said sheriff to each of them separately, to wit: "You _____ do swear, or solemnly affirm, that "you will make a just, true, and honest valuation of the land, and of all dama-"ges that shall be sustained by the proprietors of the land through which the "aforesaid canal shall pass by means of said canal, (mentioning the same as de-"scribed in the warrant) according to the best of your skill and judgment;" and the said jury shall then proceed to inquire into and ascertain the value of the said land and damages, as aforesaid; and the inquisition so made and taken, shall be signed by the sheriff and the jury, and returned by the sheriff to the clerk of Cæcil county court, and be by him filed and recorded among the records of said court; and the valuation so made by the jury, shall be binding and conclusive on all parties, and shall be paid by the said corporation to the owner of the land, or his legal representative, as a full recompence therefor; and the said corporation, on payment of the said money, shall have as good, sure, and indefeasable title in fee-simple to said land, as if the same had been conveyed by the owner to the said corporation, and their successors, by fine, feoffment, deed of bargain and sale, or any other mode of conveyance. To purchase land, &c.

VII. **Provided always, and be it enacted and declared,** That not more than two hundred acres of land, in the whole, shall be condemned for the purposes aforesaid. Proviso.

VIII. **And,** whereas the said corporation incur a very great expence, and run a great risk of sinking their subscription money in case the said scheme should fail,