

Company to the laborers and their assignees for work and labor done and materials furnished upon said canal, and request all the creditors of the Canal Company to file their claims with the said Charles A. Little; and

WHEREAS, A considerable number of those to whom said Canal Company is indebted for labor done for the said company in and upon said canal, and for supplies and materials furnished to said company since the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, did file their claims with the said Charles A. Little, auditor, duly probated; and

WHEREAS, After the passage of Chapter one hundred and thirty-six and a-half, of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, of the Laws of Maryland, the said owners of a large number of said claims and judgments were innocently under the impression that they had complied with all the requirements of the law, so as to entitle their claims to the benefit of the waiver of the State's lien, provided for in said Chapter one hundred and thirty-six and one-half of the said Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six; and,

WHEREAS, They have since discovered that their claims, not having been proven in accordance with the provisions of said law, they were not entitled to the benefit of said law; and

WHEREAS, Their claims are just as meritorious as those which will under the provisions of the said law get the benefit of said waiver, and they were innocently ignorant of their rights under said law; and,

WHEREAS, It is just and right that the State of Maryland should recognize the claims and protect the owners thereof so far as it can, although they may not have complied with the provisions of Chapter one hundred and thirty-six and one-half of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, by reason of said misunderstanding and misapprehension in their minds; now therefore,

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the provisions of the aforesaid Act of the General Assembly known as Chapter one hundred and thirty-six and one-half of the Acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be and the same are hereby extended, continued and made operative in favor of all of the creditors of the said Canal Company who have heretofore filed their claims with the said Charles A. Little, auditor, but who were innocently under the impression that in so

Provisions of  
aforesaid Act  
extended.