

*An Act to authorise a Lottery or Lotteries to raise a sum of money, for the improvement of the Navigation of the River Susquehanna. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 693.*

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Preamble.

WHEREAS the canal on the river Susquehanna within the state of Maryland, is complete, and a good practicable navigation on the bed of the river above the said canal to the town of Columbia is made, excepting a distance of about eight miles, which cannot be effected from the want of funds: And whereas it would add greatly to the wealth and trade of the state of Maryland were the said navigation between the said canal and the said town of Columbia made passable for boats, by drawing to the bay of Chesapeake the various productions of the lands bordering on the waters of the river Susquehanna; therefore,

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland. That General Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel Hughes, Mark Pringle and John Stump, (of Harford,) or a majority of them, be and they are hereby appointed managers, and are hereby authorised to propose, and carry into effect, a lottery or lotteries for the purpose of raising a sum of money, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars; and the same may be drawn at any one time, or at different times, as the said managers may deem expedient: *Provided*, that before a sale shall be made of any tickets in virtue of this authority, the said managers who shall act in virtue of this law, shall give bond to the state, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, for the faithful execution of the said trust, and for the payment of the net proceeds, after payment of prizes and the expenses of the said lottery or lotteries, into one of the banks established in the city of Baltimore; and the bond which shall be given by the said managers shall be lodged in Baltimore county court, and there be recorded, and upon such bond, or an office copy thereof, suit or suits may be entered against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their or any of their legal representatives, for any breach of, or noncompliance with, the condition of the same.

Lottery or lotteries authorised—managers to give bond.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the net proceeds of the said lottery or lotteries, so to be deposited in one of the banks established in the city of Baltimore, shall, within three months after the drawing of the said lottery or lotteries, be transferred into the hands of General Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel Hughes, Mark Pringle and John Stump, (of Harford,) or any three of them, to be by them appropriated and laid out in making a safe and easy channel down the river Susquehanna, from the town of Columbia to the Maryland canal, and afterwards in improving the bed of said river from the head of said canal to tide water; *Provided*, that before the said General Samuel Smith, Gabriel Christie, Robert Gilmore, John Adlum, Samuel Hughes, Mark Pringle and John Stump, (of Harford,) or any three of them, shall receive such transfer or transfers, of the net proceeds of such lottery or lotteries, they shall give bond, in the penal sum of one hundred thousand dollars, which said bond shall be lodged in the office of Baltimore county court, to be there recorded and safely kept, and which bond shall be conditioned to be void if the said obligors shall faithfully apply the said money towards opening a channel in the said river Susquehanna as aforesaid, and to such further improvements as are directed herein.

Proceeds to be transferred to managers.

Proviso.