

from the eastern terminus in the District of Columbia, to the City of Cumberland in the State of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, The time fixed in said charter for the completion of that portion of the canal from Cumberland to some point on the Ohio River has expired, and

Preamble

WHEREAS, The agricultural, mechanical, mining and manufacturing interests now, more than ever heretofore, demand that this national highway shall be completed at an early day, and

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WHEREAS, The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company heretofore chartered, has been so embarrassed that it has been unable to complete the said canal, it is therefore the meaning and intention of this act, to charter another company, to construct, operate and maintain a canal from the City of Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to some convenient point on the Ohio River, and to grant to the said company hereby incorporated, similar rights, powers, exemptions, privileges and franchises in the construction and maintenance of this work, as are now held and enjoyed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under its charter and several supplements thereto; therefore—

Preamble

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That A. P. Gorman, J. G. Berrett, M. Bannon, D. S. Biser, G. M. Watkins, P. Hamil, Gilmer Meredith, Alex. Shan, W. W. McKaig, John Ritchie, Lloyd Lowndes, Henry G. Davis, Thomas Moore, E. C. Pechim, James S. Negley, G. H. Thurston, J. K. Moorhead, Frank Cowan, and such other persons as may become associated with them, in the manner hereinafter provided, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Cumberland and Ohio Canal Company, and as such shall have all the rights, powers, exemptions, privileges and franchises now held and enjoyed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under its charter, passed by the Legislature of the State of Virginia, at the December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, and ratified by the State of Maryland at the December session, eighteen hundred and

Incorporated

Rights and powers