

Maryland be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take such action and do all such things on behalf of the State in the suit now pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Maryland District, in equity, between Daniel K. Stewart, as complainant, and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and others, as defendants, and in any other proceedings which may be instituted or prosecuted against said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as shall be proper in his judgment for the effectual protection of the interest of the State of Maryland in the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company; and the said Attorney-General is further authorized and directed to institute and take any and all such other proceedings, in the Supreme Court of the United States or elsewhere, as may in his judgment be necessary and proper for the protection of the interests of the State of Maryland in said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

Authorized to take action

Institute proceedings.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Comptroller of the Treasury be and he is hereby directed at any and all times, upon the requirement of the Attorney-General of Maryland, to execute any and all bonds and stipulations whatsoever in the name and on behalf of the State of Maryland, whether as principal or surety, or by way of indemnification to sureties, which the said Attorney-General may certify to him to be proper to be executed in or about any proceedings whatsoever, whether at law or in equity, now pending or hereafter to be instituted in any court or courts whatsoever, touching the interests of the State in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, or touching the property, tolls, revenues or management of said company.

Execute bonds and stipulations.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the faith of the State of Maryland be and the same is hereby pledged to the full and perfect indemnity of any surety or sureties, obligor or obligors, upon any and all bonds or stipulations which shall be given in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

Faith of the State pledged

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect immediately from and after the date of its passage.

Effective

Approved March 19, 1880.