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CHAPTER 436.

AN ACT to incorporate the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Tide-Water Canal Company.

WHEREAS the State of Maryland, in giving her assent to the charter of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, expressly reserved the right of the State to charter and construct a lateral canal to connect with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal at some point within the District of Columbia, which reservation was assented to by the Congress of the United States; and

Preamble

WHEREAS it is now more than ever necessary to secure to the city of Baltimore a portion of the large and increasing trade of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which can only be effected by the construction of a branch canal from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; and

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WHEREAS to secure this trade to the State of Maryland and the city of Baltimore it is only necessary to construct twenty-six miles of canal from the Beaver Dams creek, on the eastern branch of the Potomac river, head it, and across to the western branch of the Patuxent, down it and the main river to Lyon's creek, up it and across to Herring bay on the Chesapeake; therefore, it is the intention of this act to construct a canal from such point on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, within the District of Columbia, to Herring bay, as the board of directors may select, and to use such portions of the Potomac River, near the eastern branch, and such portion of Herring bay as they deem best, and to confer upon the company, hereby incorporated, all and similar rights, powers, exemptions, privileges and franchises,

Preamble.