CHAPTER 454.

AN ACT to incorporate the Choptank and Delaware Ship Canal Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That John W. Garrett, Enoch Pratt, Robert T. Baldwin, Gilmore Meredith, I. M. Parr, Henry G. Davis, Henry Loveridge, Lloyd Lowndes, James A. L. McClure, Charles F. Mayer and William H. Smith, of the State of Maryland, and also Charles H. Gibson, Dr. I. L. Adkins and A. S. Abell, of the same State; and James Pouder and Edward L. Martin, of the State of Delaware, and their associates and successors, and all other persons who may be stockholders as hereinafter provided, are hereby constituted and made a body corporate by the name of the Choptank and Delaware Ship Canal Company, for the purpose of cutting and making a ship canal, the object of which shall be to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware Bay, with all the works, locks, offices and appurtenances that may be necessary; the said canal shall start from or commence at Ferry creek, on the Choptank river, opposite Chancellor's point, and run to Walnut landing on the Nanticoke, then up the Nanticoke river to the State line of Delaware and Maryland; and, by the aforesaid corporate name, the said J. W. Garrett, Enoch Pratt, Robert T. Baldwin, Gilmore Meredith, I. M. Parr, Henry G. Davis, Henry Loveridge, Lloyd Lowndes, James A. L. McClure, Charles F. Mayer, William H. Smith, Charles H. Gibson, Dr. I. L. Adkins, A. S. Abell, James Pouder and Edward L. Martin, their associates and successors, and all other persons who may be stockholders as hereinafter provided, shall be and they are hereby made capable in law of purchasing, holding, leasing, selling, conveying estate, real, personal and mixed, so far as shall be necessary and convenient for the purpose aforesaid and hereinafter mentioned, and no further; and shall have perpetual succession, and by said corporate name may sue and be sued, and have and use a common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure; and also to ordain, establish

Body corporate.

Cut and make a ship canal

Hold real estate.