SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall have power and authority to purchase, or hire, or build and construct, steamships of such capacity as may be desirable for the purpose of towing vessels through the said ship canal, or for carrying freight or passengers from any port to any port, through the said ship canal, or for carrying and conveying passengers or freight that may be trans-shipped at either of the termini of said ship canal, upon such vessels, or for carrying and conveying passengers and freight for trans-shipments through the said canal upon other vessel or vessels; and the said company shall have power to charge for freight, towage and transportation on such vessels, such sum or sums of money as may be from time to time prescribed by the directors of said company.

Construct steamships.

SEC. 14. And be it enacted, That the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore be and they are hereby authorized, on behalf of said corporation, to subscribe for so many shares of the capital stock of the Choptank and Delaware Ship Canal Company as they may deem expedient and proper; and their subscription to said stock shall constitute the said corporation of the city of Baltimore a stockholder in the said canal company, upon the same and equal terms as other stockholders.

Authorized to subscribe.

SEC. 15. And be it enacted, That the consent of the State of Maryland is hereby given to the construction or purchase of the Choptank and Delaware Ship Canal, by the Government of the United States, and in case of construction or purchase of the said canal by the Government of the United States, that the jurisdiction and control over the said canal is hereby ceded to the United States, reserving, nevertheless, to the State of Maryland, concurrent jurisdiction so far as may be necessary to serving therein of process, by any court or officers of the State.

Consent of State given.

SEC. 16. And be it enacted, That this act shall Effective. take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 14, 1880.