

CHAPTER 358.

AN ACT to authorize the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction to hire convict labor to the Maryland Canal Company and prescribe the manner of payment for the same by said canal company.

Preamble. Whereas the early completion of a branch canal from the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to the city of Baltimore is a matter of great and obvious importance to the pecuniary and material interests of this State and of said city of Baltimore; and

Preamble. Whereas it is believed that the construction of such branch canal by the Maryland Canal Company can be accomplished at a moderate cost by employing thereon the labor of the able bodied male convicts under sentence to the Maryland House of Correction; therefore—

Hire convicts. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Board of Managers of the Maryland House of Correction be and they are hereby authorized and directed to hire to the Maryland Canal Company, upon such terms as may be agreed upon by and between the said Board of Managers and said canal company, such able bodied male convicts under sentence to said House of Correction as may from time to time be applied for by said Maryland Canal Company, which said convicts, whilst so hired out to said canal company, it shall be the duty of the said Managers of the House of Correction to clothe, feed and guard in all respects, so far as practicable, as if they were engaged at work within said House of Correction; and payment of the compensation, which may be agreed on by and between said Maryland Canal Company and the said Managers of the House of Correction, for the hire of such convicts, the said canal company shall issue to the said Managers of the House of Correction, and the said managers shall accept the stock of said Maryland Canal Company at such rates as may be mutually agreed on.

Compensat'n.