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JOSEPH KENT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

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secretary; to employ such and as many agents, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, and other persons as in their opinion may be necessary to enable them to fulfil and discharge the duties imposed upon them by this act; and to allow and pay the said secretary, agents, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, and other persons, such sum or sums of money as may be an adequate recompense for their services.

General duties assigned.

3. *And be it enacted.* That the president and directors aforesaid, shall cause those parts of the territory of this state and the District of Columbia, which shall lie upon or contiguous to the probable courses and ranges for a canal by which the port of Baltimore may be connected with the proposed artificial navigation of the Potomac river, to be explored and examined for the purpose of fixing and determining the most eligible and proper route for the same; and shall cause such of the low lands on the margin of the rivers and creeks in this state, as they shall think proper, to be explored and examined, for the purpose of draining, embanking, and rendering the same dry and cultivable; and until such low lands shall be surveyed and examined as aforesaid, no warrant of survey or patent shall issue therefor, until the legislature shall make future provision on the subject; and the said president and directors shall by exploring and surveying the intermediate country and streams, ascertain the best practicable rout for a canal between the eastern branch of the Potomac river, and also between any lateral canal to Baltimore and the city of Annapolis; and shall cause to be explored, surveyed and sounded, such portions as they may deem necessary, of the Susquehannah, Pocomoke, Manokin, Wicomico, Great Choptank, Chester, and all other rivers of this state, and of the county adjacent thereto, for the purpose of ascertaining the practicability and expense of opening and improving the navigation of said rivers, and of devising the most proper plans for effecting those objects; and shall cause the necessary surveys and levels to be taken, and accurate maps, field books, drafts and models thereof, to be made; and further to recommend the most proper plans for the formation and construction of said canal, and other improvements, and thereafter, in like manner, to proceed in reference to any road, canal, or other improvement which they may be required to explore, locate and construct, altogether or partly in behalf of the people of this state.

Calculations;
estimates—
plans; reports

4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the president and directors aforesaid, to make or cause to be made with as much accuracy and minuteness as may be, calculations and estimates of the sum or sums of money, which may or will be necessary for completing the canal and other improvements now as aforesaid contemplated, and of such others as may hereafter be in like manner proposed, according to the plans which they may recommend, or the legislature approve, for the formation or construction of the same; and to cause