

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

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the said calculations and estimates, and all surveys, maps, field books, plans, drafts and models, authorized and directed by this act, or so many thereof as may be completed; together with a plain and comprehensive report of all their proceedings, under and by virtue of this act, to be presented to the legislature of this state within the second week of the next session of that body.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the said president and directors shall be, and they are hereby authorized and required to make applications in behalf of this state to the government of the United States, and of such states as may be benefitted by any road, canal or other work proposed to be made under the authority and with the aid of this state, to the proprietors of lands through or near which any such road, canal, or other improvement may pass or be made, or may be proposed to pass or be made, to all bodies politic and corporate, public or private, and all citizens or inhabitants of this or any other of the United States, for cessions, grants or donations of land or money, for the purpose of aiding in the construction or completion of any proposed road, canal, or other improvement, according to the directions of the several grantors or donors; and to take to the people of this state, such grants and conveyances as may be proper and necessary to vest a good and sufficient title in the said people, to the lands or money so to be ceded, given or granted as aforesaid; and for the purpose above mentioned, it shall be the duty of said president and directors, to open books of subscription, in such and so many places as they may think expedient; to receive and register such cessions, grants and donations, under rules and regulations, which they may from time to time establish and publish.

May apply for and receive grants; shall open book.

6. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be constituted a fund to be denominated "Internal Improvement Fund," which shall consist of all such grants, cessions, donations and subscriptions, as may be made or given for that purpose, to the president and directors aforesaid, by the legislature of this state, by the Congress of the United States; by individual states, by corporations, companies and individuals; which fund shall be superintended and managed by the president and directors aforesaid, by and with the aid of the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland; and it shall be the duty of said president, directors and treasurer, to receive, arrange and manage to the best advantage, all things belonging to said fund, and when thereunto required by the legislature, to borrow from time to time, money on the credit of the people of this state, in augmentation of that fund, for which money, when received by him, the treasurer shall issue transferable certificates of stock payable at such time or times as may be determined by law, or by the said president and directors, for which money, stock and fund, the treasurer aforesaid, shall open separate books, and

Internal improvement fund; management thereof