

# LAWS OF MARYLAND.

## CHAPTER 180.

An act for the promotion of Internal Improvement.

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Passed March  
6, 1826.

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ers to open  
books for sub-  
scription.

**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That so soon as the board of public works of this state shall by actual survey have ascertained and reported to the governor and council, the practicability of excavating a canal as hereinafter described, from some convenient point on the Potomac river intersecting or continuing the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, to the city of Baltimore, there shall be appointed by the governor and council, three commissioners, who shall cause books to be opened at such times and places as may be determined on by the board of public works for the purpose of receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the company hereinafter incorporated; which subscriptions may be made either in person or by power of attorney, notice having been previously given, in such manner as the said board of public works may deem expedient, of the times and places of opening the said books.

**2.** *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners shall cause the books to be kept open at least twenty days, and within twenty days after the expiration thereof, shall call a general meeting of the subscribers at the city of Baltimore, of which meeting notice shall be given by the said commissioners or a majority of them in two newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, one in Annapolis, one in Easton, one in Frederick, one in Hagerstown, one in Elkton, one in Rockville, one in Belle Air, and one in Cumberland, at least twenty days next before the said meeting, and such meeting may be continued from day to day until the business is finished, and the commissioners at the time and place aforesaid, shall lay before such of the subscribers as shall meet according to the said notice, the book containing the state of the said subscriptions, and if the amount estimated by the said board of public works to be adequate to the excavation of the said canal and of the feeders which may be found requisite, and to the erection of locks, culverts, aqueducts and other works and buildings necessary and suitably appertaining to the said canal, and to the payment of all incidental charges, should appear not to have been subscribed, then the said commissioners or a majority of them at the said meeting, are empowered to take and receive subscriptions to make up the deficiency, and may continue to take and receive such subscriptions at such time or times, place or places as the board of public works may direct, and true and correct list of all the subscribers, with the sum subscribed by each, shall be made out and returned by the said commissioners or a majority of them, under their hands, to the board of public works, and to the governor and council, to be by them respectively carefully preserved; and in case a sum shall be subscribed, larger than shall, as aforesaid, be estimated by the board of

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