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ny or companies which may be hereafter incorporated for that purpose, by the said state; *Provided*, That in taking such canal or canals, and in using the waters of the said Maryland canal, or of the various streams connected therewith, no impediment or injury shall be done to the navigation of the said Maryland canal.

To connect other canals.

Treasurer to subscribe on the part of the state to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

19. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore be, and he is hereby authorised and required for, and on behalf of the state, to subscribe to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, for stock to the whole amount of the stock of the Potomac company owned by the state, and of the debt due to the state by the said Potomac company, and to pay for the same, in the certificates of the stock of the Potomac company, and in the evidences of the debt due to the state, certified in the manner specified in the charter of the said Chesapeake and Ohio canal company; and also to subscribe for five thousand shares of the stock of the said company, payable agreeably to the terms of the charter, in the legal currency of the United States.

Also 5000 shares in the Maryland canal company.

20. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the Western Shore, be and he is hereby instructed and required in like manner to subscribe for five thousand shares in the Maryland Canal Company hereby incorporated.

\$200,000 appropriated for other improvements

21. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, or such part thereof as may be necessary, to drain, embank, and render dry and arable the low lands on the margins of such rivers and creeks of the Eastern Shore of this state, as the board of public works may think proper and recommend, and to complete and carry into effect such plans for opening and improving the navigation of the Pokomoke, Manokin, Wicomico, Great Choptank, Chester, Elk and North East rivers, as the board of public works may devise, recommend and contract for on behalf of the state of Maryland: *Provided*, That before any part of the aforesaid subscriptions, except so much as is payable in the stock and debt of the Potomac Company, shall be made, or any part of the sum herein appropriated to execute the improvements contemplated by this act to be made on the low lands situated on the margins of the aforesaid rivers and creeks, or to execute the improvements of the Pokomoke, Manokin, Wicomico, Great Choptank, Chester, Elk and North East rivers, be expended, the congress of the United States shall by law authorise a subscription for not less than ten thousand shares of the capital stock of the eastern section of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and shall enact a law expressly securing to the state of Maryland, and to any company incorporated or hereafter to be incorporated by the said state, the right to take and continue a canal from any point of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, through the territory of Columbia or any part thereof, to the said state, in any direction it may deem proper, upon the same terms and conditions, and with all the rights privileges and powers of every kind whatsoever, granted to the Chesapeake and

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United States first to subscribe, &c.