

CHAPTER 173.

Passed Feb. 5, 1866. AN ACT to incorporate the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Tide Water Canal Company.

Preamble. WHEREAS, A line of Canal, River and Bay communication now exists from New York to the city of Annapolis, of sufficient capacity to pass boats of about three hundred tons burthen, and it only requires a link to be added, of about twenty miles, to connect the city of Washington, by canal, with New York; Therefore

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Andrew J. Hull, Wm. E. Spalding, Henry D. Cook, of Washington city, Wm. H. Tuck, John Coates, McHenry Grafton, James Higgins, Anthony Regbold, Wm. Thompson, of R., George F. Needham and Thos. Lansdale, of the State of Maryland, Gideon L. Walker, and Samuel F. Dickiason, of the city of New York, and their successors, and each of their assigns, be, and they are hereby created a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River Tide Water Canal Company," and by that name have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and be defended in all courts of law or equity, in the State of Maryland or the United States, and may make and use a common seal, to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances and regulations, as may appear necessary for regulating the concerns of said company, not being inconsistent or contrary to this act or the laws of the United States, or the State of Maryland; said company shall also have power to hold and convey real estate and other property, to execute mortgages and deeds of trust upon its property and franchises, real personal and mixed property, and to borrow money and negotiate loans upon their franchises, bonds, mortgages, or other securities.

Powers granted. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to survey, locate, lay out, construct, operate, use, collect tolls upon, and enjoy a continuous line of Canal with all its appurtenances, between the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, near the city