

foregoing purposes in Virginia and elsewhere; and to sell, lease and mortgage the same; subject to all laws of the State of Virginia, now in force in relation to other like corporations;" and

Preamble. WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland, in common with the citizens of Virginia, have a deep interest in the development and utilization of the water power at the Great Falls of the Potomac; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, as follows: The Great Falls Power Company, aforesaid, is hereby granted the right to erect such dam or dams or other structures in the Potomac river in this State, between the Great Falls and the United States Government aqueduct dam as may be necessary to be used, the water and water power at or near Great Falls, for the purposes and objects set forth in its charter. Provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to give said Great Falls Power Company authority to interfere with any existing right of the United States, or of any person or corporation in said Potomac river or the waters thereof. Provided, that the acceptance of this act shall oblige and bind the said Great Falls Power Company to take, occupy, use, interfere with or damage, no property or right vested in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, acquired as the successor of the Potomac Company or otherwise, and to endanger no part of the canal or works of said canal company, in any degree by liability to flood, except by or under written agreement or agreements between said power company on the one part, and the said canal company and the trustees for the time being as the bondholders of said canal company under its mortgages of 1848 and 1878 on the other part, and approved by the board of public works; and as conditions precedent to the exercise or the right herein granted, to build a dam or other structure as aforesaid, the said power company shall file with the board of public works a survey and plan of the same showing its location, elevation and construction as proposed, and shall likewise file with the said board, a bond satisfactory to them in amount and security, payable to the State of Maryland for the benefit of said canal company, its successors and assigns, including its mortgages, and conditioned for the faithful observance and compliance by said company of and with each and all of the obligations and restrictions imposed by this act.

May erect dams.