

time to time, as part or parts shall be completed, and there-  
 after until the entire canal shall have been finished accord- CHAP. 189.  
 ing to the true intent and meaning of this act, for the collecti-  
 of which tolls, the president and directors shall have pow-  
 er to establish so many toll-houses, and at their pleasure to  
 appoint and remove so many collectors, at such places, as  
 from time to time they may judge expedient; and the said  
 president and directors shall have full power and authority,  
 subject to the direction and control of a majority in interest  
 of the stockholders represented in general meeting, to re-  
 gulate and fix a tariff of tolls not exceeding an average of  
 two cents per ton per mile, and so adjust the said tolls in  
 relation to the burthen or capacity of the boats, and the di-  
 mensions of the rafts passing the locks of the said canal, as  
 to promote economy of water and time in the navigation  
 thereof.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the president and di- Dividends  
 rectors shall annually, or semi-annually, declare and make  
 such dividend of the net profits from the tolls to be received  
 according to the provisions of this act, and from the other  
 resources of the company, as they shall deem advisable, af-  
 ter deducting therefrom the necessary current, and the pro-  
 bable contingent expenses, to be divided among the pro-  
 prietors of the stock of the said company, in proportion to  
 their respective shares.

Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That the said canal, and the Canal, when com-  
 works to be erected thereon in virtue of this act, when pleted, to be es-  
 completed, shall for ever thereafter be esteemed and taken timated a public  
 to be navigable, as a public highway, free for the transpor- highway  
 tation of all goods, commodities and produce whatever, on  
 payment of the tolls to be imposed as provided by this act,  
 and no other toll or tax whatever, for the use of the said  
 canal, and the works thereon erected, shall at any time  
 hereafter be imposed, but by the consent of the legislature  
 of Maryland.

Sec. 13. *And*, whereas it is necessary for the making of  
 the said canal, locks, dams, feeders, ponds, and other works,  
 that a provision should be made for the condemning a quan-  
 tity of land for the purpose, *Be it enacted*, That it shall May agree with  
 and may be lawful for the said president and directors, or a owners of land  
 majority of them, to agree with the owners of any land, for purchase there-  
 through which the said canal is intended to pass, for the  
 purchase or use and occupation thereof, and in case of  
 disagreement, or in case the owner thereof shall be a *feme*  
*covert*, under age, or *non compos mentis*, or out of the  
 state or county, on application to a justice of the county  
 in which such land shall be, the said justice of the peace  
 shall issue his warrant, under his hand, to the sheriff of the  
 county, to summon a jury of twenty inhabitants of said  
 county, not related to the parties, nor in any manner inte-