

affidavit thereto attached, that he, the said Edmund Davis, has not brought or removed said slave into this State for sale, and that the said negro Henry Demmit is a slave for life; and provided, that the said Edmund Davis will pay the sum of fifteen dollars for said slave, to the clerk of said county court, to be paid over to the Treasurer of Maryland for the use and benefit of the colonization society.

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CHAPTER 116.

An act to incorporate the Potomac Navigation Company.

Passed Feb. 9, 1848.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Alexander Hamilton, John A. Stemmler, James Hunter, Charles F. Mayer, James Swan, John Ward, James Brown Strong and John J. Lagrave, and such others as may hereafter be associated with them, shall be and they are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Potomac Navigation Company, for the purpose of constructing a canal or slackwater navigation, or both, on the north branch of the Potomac river, from any point where the waters of Wills' creek and the Potomac unite, to take, transport and carry property and persons upon the same by the power and force of steam, of animals or of any mechanic or other power, or of any combination of them, which the said company may choose to employ, and by that name they and their successors, shall be and they are hereby vested with the right and privilege of constructing, erecting, building, making and using a canal or slackwater navigation, or both combined, for the purpose aforesaid, for the time of fifty years from the passage of this act.

Incorporated.

Name and style.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That if the corporation hereby created shall not within twelve months from the passage of this act, make a survey of the north branch of the Potomac river, and file a map thereof in the clerk's office of the county of Allegany, and within two years from the passage of this act, commence, and within four years from the passage of this act, construct, finish and put in operation the said canal or slackwater navigation, then the said corporation shall thenceforth forever cease, and this act shall be null and void.

In force.

Directors to appoint a president, &c.