

CHAPTER 311.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854. AN ACT to incorporate the Chesapeake and Potomac Canal Company.

Incorporated. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Col. Augustus R. Sollers, Gen. Thomas F. Bowie, James S. Morsell, Jr., Thomas J. Hellen and George D. Lyles, and their successors, and all other persons who may be stockholders are hereby constituted, and made a body corporate by the name of the Chesapeake and Potomac Canal Company, for the purpose of cutting and making a canal with all the locks and other things requisite to connect the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac river from some point on Herring Bay, or what is called the Cove, an arm of the Chesapeake, across to the Patuxent river, and from thence to the Potomac river, and by the aforesaid corporate name are hereby, and shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, selling and conveying estates, real, personal and mixed, so far as the same may be necessary and convenient for the purpose of cutting and constructing any and every thing connected with the full completion, operation and repairs of said canal and for no other purpose whatsoever; and in case the owner or owners of any land and materials necessary for the cutting, making and completion of said canal can not agree as to the price of the same, then the company shall apply to a justice of the peace, of the county through which the said canal is intended to pass, and the said justice shall issue a warrant under his hand and seal, to the sheriff of the county to summon a jury of twenty men, inhabitants of his county, related to the parties or in any manner connected or interested, to meet on the land to be valued on a day to be expressed in said warrant, not less than ten nor more than twenty days thereafter, and if at the said time and place any of said jurors do not attend, said sheriff shall immediately summon as many jurors as may be necessary to have in attendance the number of twenty and from which number each party may strike four, and the said sheriff shall, when the said jury has been thus ascertained, administer an oath or affirmation to every juror, that he will faithfully, justly and impartially, value the land and all other property or damages, the owner or owners thereof may sustain, and the acquisition or valuation taken thereupon shall

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