

be signed by the sherriff and the Jurors, who set upon the case and returned to the clerk of the circuit court, for the county in which said property shall lie or be situated, and by said clerk recorded, and the amount or damages so estimated shall be paid or tendered to the owner or owners, his or her legal heirs or representatives by said company before they shall take possession or use in any manner whatever, any of the property, real, personal or mixed, so valued.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That said Chesapeake and Potomac Canal Company, shall have perpetual succession, and by their corporate name may sue and be sued, and have and use a common seal and the same to alter and renew at pleasure and also to ordain, establish and put in execution such by-laws, ordinances and regulations as shall seem necessary, for the government and management of said corporation, and to alter and repeal the same at pleasure and shall have and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges which corporate bodies may lawfully possess for the purposes mentioned in this act. May sue and be sued.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the capital stock of said corporation shall be one million of dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which said capital stock shall be deemed personal property, and shall be transferable in such manner as the by-laws of said corporation may prescribe. Capital stock.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That if the aforesaid corporation or their successors shall ever ask any appropriations or pecuniary aid from the State of Maryland, then this act to be null and void to all intents and purposes. Null and void.