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nal or canals through the District of Columbia by either of the said states, that no injury or impediment be done to the navigation of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. And in order to ascertain whether any lateral canal or canals which either of the said states of Maryland, Pennsylvania or Virginia may propose to connect with the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal will injure or impede the navigation of the same the President of the United States shall upon the application of the state wishing to cut such lateral canal or canals, appoint some officer or officers of the United States engineer corps to decide the same, and the decision of such officer or officers when returned to the President and by him approved shall be final and conclusive on the state making the application aforesaid and the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal company, and the costs attending the same shall be paid by the state making such application.

Conditions stipulated.

22. *And be it enacted*, That this act or so much thereof as respects the canal and works designed to be constructed in the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland and Virginia shall take effect with such necessary modification in the construction thereof, as shall fit it for such limited application or use, upon the assent of the Congress of the United States and the legislature of Virginia being given thereto, and upon its receiving the further assent of the legislature of Pennsylvania, the whole and every section and the part thereof shall be valid and in full force and operation.

Repeal.

23. *And be it enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts coming within the purview of this act shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

## CHAPTER 141.

An act to disseminate Literature in this state.

Passed Feb. 18, 1824.  
Tuition.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly*, That from and after the passage of this act, that each School, Academy or College, that receives a donation in money from this state shall afford tuition in all the branches of learning taught in such School, Academy or College, and shall furnish the necessary school books, free of any charge, to at least one poor child for every hundred dollars that each School, Academy or College, receives from the state.

Selection of children.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of each School, Academy or College, receiving a donation in money from this state, to select the number of children to be educated agreeably to the provisions of this act from among the poor children of the county or counties to which such School, Academy, or College belongs, having due regard to the pecuniary situation of the persons so selected.

Annual return.

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees of the several Schools, Academies and Colleges, that receive donations in money from this state, to make an annual return to the legislature of the number of poor children educated at their respective Schools, Academies or Colleges.

## CHAPTER 142.

Passed Feb. 18, 1824.  
Preamble.

An additional supplement to an act to incorporate a company for erecting a Bridge over Nanticoke River, at or near Vienna, in Dorchester County.  
WHEREAS, the act to which this is a supplement, reserves one third of the stock for the use of the state, which proportion was subscribed for, and is now held by the state, no director has been appointed on the part of the state to manage its concerns in said company;—  
Therefore,