

Passed January 20.

An ACT to authorise the Patowmack company to receive tolls on produce carried through the canal at the Great Falls, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the Patowmack company have by their petition set forth to this general assembly, that they have at great expence removed most of the obstructions in the Patowmack river, from Savage river to tide water, except those at the Great Falls; that considerable quantities of produce are now brought down by boats to Williams-Port, Watt's Branch, and the Great Falls, by which much time, labour and expence, are saved to the owners of such produce; that many articles are now transported through the locks at the Little Falls without paying any toll whatever; that the company, to facilitate the transportation of produce down said river, have constructed an inclined plain from the lower end of the canal to the surface of the river below the Great Falls, by means of which machine all articles can be let down, and those not of great bulk or weight taken up, with security and dispatch; that a warehouse is also provided for storing such articles when found necessary, or when boats are not ready for transporting said produce down the said river; that those now navigating the said river receive great benefit from the improvement of the navigation by the labour and expenditures of said company, they conceive it to be just and reasonable that they should make some compensation for the benefits received; all which appears to be reasonable; therefore,

Tolls may be received at Conococheague, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Patowmack company be and hereby are authorised and empowered to receive, at or near the mouth of Conococheague, the tolls payable at that place on articles transported thither, also the tolls payable at Watt's Branch and the Great Falls, upon all articles brought down to those places, or either of them, in the same manner as if the locks at the Great Falls were now complete, and also to receive the tolls upon such articles as are brought up the river to the Great Falls; provided that the said company, at their own expence, carry all produce brought to the said inclined plain down or up the same, as the case may be, and, if required, store the said produce, or deliver it along side the said boats in which it is intended to be carried down the river, at their own risk and cost.

And at the Little Falls, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the said Patowmack company be authorised and empowered, and are hereby authorised and empowered, to receive on all articles transported through the locks finished and completed at the Little Falls, the same rates and tolls payable on said articles at Hook's Falls, and at or near the mouth of Conococheague, provided such articles have not before paid any tolls at any other place in said river above the said Little Falls.

Time further extended, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the time for completing the navigation of Patowmack river be and is hereby further extended until the first day of January, eighteen hundred and three, and that no privilege or advantage granted by law shall be forfeited or lost in case the navigation aforesaid shall be finished within the time hereby limited, any thing in any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An ACT to ascertain the allowance to jurymen and witnesses of the general court, and the several county and orphans courts in this state.

Allowance to jurors.

BE it enacted, *by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be allowed to each grand and petit jurymen attending the general court on the western and eastern shores of this state the sum of two dollars and fifty cents for each and every day such grand and petit jurymen shall attend for the discharge of his duty, beside itinerant charges.

Treasurers to pay, &c.

II. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the commencement of this act, the treasurers of the western and eastern shores, or either of them, shall and they are