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ed, that an act might pass to enable any seven or more visitors and governors, if chosen on or before the first day of March next, together with any four or more of the said agents, to do and perform all such acts and things, as by the act for founding the said college might have been done and performed, if seven or more visitors and governors had been chosen on or before the first day of June last; and also to enable nine visitors and governors to do all such acts and things as thirteen visitors and governors might have done for the founding the said college, if they had been chosen before the said first day of June last; and it appears to this general assembly reasonable to grant the prayer of the said petition;

Seven visitors,  
&c. may act,  
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any seven or more visitors and governors of the said college, if chosen on or before the first day of March next, together with any four or more of the agents, appointed in virtue of the said act, shall be, and hereby are authorized and directed, to do and perform all such acts and things, as by the act for founding the said college might have been done and performed if seven or more visitors and governors had been chosen on or before the first day of June last.

Nine may do  
certain acts,  
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any nine visitors and governors, chosen and elected agreeably to the said act, shall be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to do and perform all such acts and things as thirteen visitors and governors might have done by virtue of the said act, if they had been chosen before the said first day of June last.

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Passed 12th of  
March, 1786.  
1784, ch. 33.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, \* An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack. Lib. TBH. No. A. fol. 591.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the president and directors of the Patowmack company, by their humble petition to this general assembly, and the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, on behalf of the said company, have set forth, that in pursuance of the acts of assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, and this state, entitled, An act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack, they purpose to make a canal on one level, to be supplied by the current of the river from a little above the Great Falls of Patowmack to a convenient place below those falls, where they design to effect a communication with the bed of the river by connected locks, and that they are under the strongest impressions, if any canal and locks should be found necessary or useful at the Little Falls of the said river, that another such cut on one level, and a waste of the whole fall by a set of locks at tide water, will be preferable there on every account; and that as the depth of the water in such canals will be increased on the rise of the water in the river, so as to permit an easy passage for all such boats and rafts as can pass in the river, even less than two feet depth of water in the said canals in dry seasons, with the certain necessary increase on the rise of the river, will be fully sufficient, instead of the four feet required by the said acts, to answer all useful purposes, and that cutting the said canals four feet below the level of the water in dry seasons, will very greatly and usefully enhance the expence of the canals, occasion considerable delay in the work, and render it in a degree less secure; and have therefore prayed, that acts of both assemblies may pass, making it necessary that such canals contain two only, instead of the four feet required by the said acts, or that if the level should be broke by locks placed apart from each other, that the first level may necessarily contain only two feet depth, and the other or rest four; all which suggestions appearing to this general assembly to be true, and the prayer of the said petition to be reasonable,

Canals two  
feet deep avail-  
able, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any canal which shall be cut or made on one level by the Patowmack company at the Great or Little Falls of Patowmack river; supplied by the current of that river, containing two feet depth of water at the least in dry seasons, and communicating again with the river by locks, if necessary, the spaces between the locks, if they should be placed distant from each other, containing four feet depth of water, shall be equally available to every intent and purpose, and the said company shall be entitled to the same tolls, and shall have all the rights whatsoever, as if the whole of such canals had been made to contain four feet depth of water, agreeable to the directions of the said acts, any thing in the said acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commence-  
ment.

III. This act to take place as soon as a similar law shall be passed by the legislature of the commonwealth of Virginia.

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