

3. And be it enacted, That an act, passed at November session, seven hundred and ninetytwo, entitled, "An act in favor of the President and Directors of the Potomac Company, and the Commissioners of the Federal Buildings," shall be, and it is hereby repealed.

By an act of the Assembly of Maryland, passed at November session of 1812, (chapter 76, section 2.) it is enacted as follows:

"And be it enacted. That it shall and may be lawful for any citizen of any other state, owning slaves in any county adjoining this state, to hire or work any of his or her slaves in this state, as often as the owner or proprietor may think proper, without being obliged to deliver a list of them to be recorded in the clerk's office, heretofore required, and to hold and enjoy them as slaves. Provided, the said slaves shall not be kept in this state longer than twelve months at any one time."

We are asked whether, under the authorities of this law, slaves in the counties of Virginia and Delaware, bordering on this state, can be hired to work on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in the state of Maryland, without endangering their emancipation by the laws of the latter state? And we entertain no doubt that they may be so hired, provided the contracts be for no longer time than twelve months, and the slaves be returned to their respective states at the expiration of that time.

WM. WIRT,
W. JONES,
THO. SWANN.

August 5, 1829.

RULES adopted by the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, for the government of the Corps of Engineers; together with a distribution of the first division of the canal into residences, with the engineers allotted to each; also, a list of premiums, for diligence and fidelity.

1. The President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under the charter and by-laws of the Company, and the constitution and laws of the United