

pose of constructing a lateral canal or canals to Baltimore or elsewhere, in the state of Maryland, from that part of the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal which shall be within the District of Columbia: Be it further enacted &c., thereby clearly showing the understanding of the Legislature of Maryland in the very act of confirming the charter, that a part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal would be constructed within this District.

So also the act of Congress of the 3d of March 1825, confirming the charter, enacts, "That the act of the Legislature of Virginia, entitled, 'An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,' be, and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed so far as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling any company that may be hereafter formed by authority of said act of incorporation, to carry into effect the provisions thereof in the District of Columbia, within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, and no further." So also the second section of the same act speaks of the right of Virginia and Maryland "to take and continue a canal from any point of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to any other point within the territory of the District of Columbia." Showing clearly the understanding of Congress, that a part of the canal would be made in the District.

Again by the 14th section of the charter, the old Potomac Company is authorised to transfer, and the new company to accept, all the property, rights, and privileges, of the Potomac Company; which has since been done, and among that property are locks below the Little Falls, which are within the District, and which are to be kept in repair by the new company until the new works shall be substituted for them.

So also it is enacted by the second section of the act of Congress of the 23d of May, 1828, that the authority designed by the former act of Congress, confirming the charter to be given to the states of Virginia and Maryland, "to extend a branch from the said canal, or to prolong the same from the termination thereof, by a continuous canal within or through the District of Columbia, towards the territories of either of those states, shall be taken and deemed to be as full and complete in all respects, as the authority granted by that act to the Chesapeake and Ohio Company to extend the main stem of the said canal within the said District."

So also by the act of Congress of the 24th of May, 1828, it is enacted, "That for the supply of water to such